

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Mr Marshall's
Mission

THE next fortnight is a very important period for Mr. David Marshall, Singapore's Chief Minister. During that time he is going to present a case; a case that will be subjected to close and critical scrutiny by all shades of political opinion in Britain. His case is that Singapore is ready for full internal self-government, and that in four years' time the Colony will have qualified for Home Rule.

Fundamentally Mr. Marshall's current mission is to prepare the ground for next year's London conference between the British government and representatives of all Singapore's political parties. But if he is to achieve the maximum from this mission, namely to ensure the conference will produce desired results, he will have to convince the British government about a number of things.

Had his visit been arranged for six weeks ago, Mr. Marshall's personal negotiating position would have been stronger. As it is he is bound to feel slightly embarrassed by the knowledge that while his Party still composes the Singapore government, it does so without holding any majority in the Assembly. It is just possible that this will detract from the weight of his opinion in Whitehall.

It may be taken for granted, therefore, Mr. Marshall will be closely questioned about the prospects of the present Singapore government's position being made more stable in the near future. To Whitehall, the Labour Front coalition headed by Mr. Marshall is by far the most moderate of the parties possessing substantial representation in the Singapore Assembly, and in consequence the most acceptable for negotiating constitutional reform such as full self-government.

The Chief Minister can undoubtedly speak with authority today, but not with the same authority as that which would be invested in a leader whose government enjoyed a clear working majority. Party defections such as those which Mr. Marshall has suffered in recent weeks must inevitably create some doubts in the minds of non-partisans.

It is not suggested that the Chief Minister will have any reason to feel dissatisfied with his visit to Britain when it comes to an end later in the month. He starts off with the knowledge that the Imperial government is sympathetic towards the political aspirations of the Singapore people. To augment this he will be provided with many opportunities of convincing all shades of political opinion in England that his demands for full internal self-government are well-founded and appropriate.

Not with envy, but with deep interest, Hongkong will follow Mr. Marshall's fortunes during the next fortnight. The constitutional future of Singapore will very largely hang on the outcome of his visit to England. Assuredly the value of holding next year's conference will depend on the success of his current mission.

Mr. Marshall's objectives are high and far-reaching. If they are realised they may well have an impact on Hongkong. There is no great anxiety for major constitutional changes here at the moment, but if in due course Singapore, which as a Colony has interests closely allied with ours, makes an indisputable success of self-government, the achievement can be expected to stimulate interest in constitutional reform in Hongkong.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS' "NO" TO REDS

AGREEMENT ON CYPRUS REPORTED

Nicosia, Dec. 6. Political quarters forecast here tonight that a solution to the problem of Cyprus's future, agreed on by Britain and Greece, would be announced "within a few days."

They said this solution carried the agreement of the Greek Government and Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Enochia (union with Greece) movement, and included an acknowledgment by Britain of the right of Cyprus to self-determination in the unspecified future.

The solution, these quarters said, provides for co-operation by Archbishop Makarios on a self-governing system on the island and talks on the island's eventual future within the framework of Middle East security requirements.

They said the principal stumbling block in this agreement so far was Turkey's view that acknowledgment of self-determination was completely unacceptable.

These sources said American diplomats were taking an active part in impressing Ankara with the importance of accepting the solution under guarantees for the island's 100,000 Turkish minority.—China Mail Special.

Election Alliance Offer Rejected

Paris, Dec. 6. The French Socialist Party's national council tonight rejected a motion suggesting an electoral alliance with the Communist Party. The vote was 1,979 to 1,243 with 326 abstentions.

The council then adopted a motion authorising local Socialist federations to form alliances if they wished with other parties of the Left, notably the Radicals, led by former Premier Pierre Mendes-France.

The motion said that the national council formally authorised the executive committee to oppose all alliances with reactionary, clerical or totalitarian parties.

But it was ready to allow alliances with all those opposed to "measures directed against democracy," and with all those who shared the Socialist principles of democratic liberty, controlled disarmament, Atlantic defence and social progress.



MOSHE SHARETT

Israel's Frontier Adjustments Offer

Washington, Dec. 6. Israel is ready to consider "minor" adjustments of frontier in a peace treaty with Arab states, the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, told newsmen after an interview with the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, here today.

A peaceful settlement between Israel and the Arab countries would depend on the the "goodwill" of the Arabs, of which Israel had absolutely no indication, said Mr. Sharett. He added that he foresaw no improvement in the situation, and rather expected that it would get worse. It remained to be seen, he said, whether the superiority which Egypt had assumed herself as regards to arms would help or not in favour of peace.

Also present at the interview today were the Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, Mr. George Allen, and the Israeli Ambassador in Washington, Abba Eban.

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The outcome of the French general election on January 2 will depend largely on what the 11 voters, the numerous French must agree upon. These changes must be concluded by December 10.

While two or more allied parties, get over 50 per cent of 11 votes, the allied parties get all the seats.

Twenty-eight political groups have been officially registered as "political parties," although only eight have any real national importance.

The new parties include one led by M. Pierre Poujade, whose organization has often prevented tax inspectors from checking the books of his shopkeeper followers.

PINAY'S IDEAS

The election programme of a right-wing alliance between the Conservatives, right wing Radicals and the Popular Republican Movement (Catholic) would be dominated by the ideas of M. Antoine Pinay, present Foreign Minister.

It would stress the need for financial stability, which M. Pinay helped to bring about in 1953, the encouragement of private enterprise and a continued increase in productivity.

M. Edgar Faure, the outgoing Premier and the other leader of this coalition, believed the standard of living can be doubled in ten years.

MENDES-FRANCE

A left-wing alliance between supporters of M. Mendes-France and the Socialist Party would stress two things in different degrees, according to whether the Mendes-France candidates or the Socialist candidates were involved.

The Socialists put an immediate increase in the minimum wage to the front of their programme.

M. Mendes-France himself has counselled his supporters to go for a new deal all round, especially a new deal in parliamentary representation.—Reuter.

Wreckage Found After 8 Years

London, Dec. 7. A British transport plane, which disappeared eight years ago while on a flight over the Andes Mountains in South America, has been discovered, a spokesman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation said here yesterday evening.

The plane, a Lancaster, disappeared on August 2, 1947, between Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Santiago, Chile.

The spokesman said that the Company's representative in Santiago had reported the wreck of the machine had been found but no details were available.—France-Press.

BORDER CLASH

Gaza, Dec. 6. An Egyptian army spokesman said today that about 30 Israeli soldiers and two armoured vehicles crossed the demarcation line near Gaza this morning and opened fire on Egyptian frontier posts.

The Egyptian fired back and an artillery duel ensued lasting two hours, the spokesman said. The spokesman said the United States had explained its position to Nationalist China "that the veto was an exceptional power to be used only in exceptional circumstances, and that it should not be used to prevent the admission of states which a qualified majority of the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly should be admitted."

Britain Wants Eniwetok

For Testing An

H-Bomb

London, Dec. 6. Britain is expected to ask the United States for permission to use the Eniwetok atoll as a testing ground for the first British hydrogen bomb.

Informal sources said today that Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden would personally make this request to President Eisenhower when he goes to the United States on January 30 for a series of top-level talks.

Britain's H-bomb will be ready for testing next spring, but Australia is understood to be opposed to holding the test on the Montebello archipelago, where the first British atom bomb was exploded, because of its proximity to Australian territory.

Earlier today, Sir Anthony Eden told the House of Commons that his government intended to continue its H-bomb project. He said that the hydrogen bomb would be the principal element of the British defence system and would also place Britain on an equal footing politically with the United States and the Soviet Union.

Other Topics

Among the other topics that Sir Anthony Eden will discuss with President Eisenhower during his trip to the United States is a plan for a co-ordinated Anglo-American strategic bombardment organisation, political observers here believe.

President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden are expected to consider a new joint policy capable of again giving Western diplomacy the initiative in Europe, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Offers of aid to India and Burma during the present visit of Soviet leaders Bulganin and Khrushchev have undoubtedly greatly disturbed both the British and American governments.

The situation in Egypt, since it received arms shipments from Czechoslovakia, also disturbs the two governments.

The two Western statesmen are expected to work out a common policy that could be presented to Bulganin and Khrushchev when they visit Britain on April 28. This policy would cover the entry of Communist China in the United Nations and general disarmament projects, observers here believe.—France-Press.

Taxi Drivers To Go On Strike

Paris, Dec. 6. Paris automobile traffic, which has frequently been compared to a three-ring circus, will be deprived of some of its most dare-devil performers every Sunday beginning on January 8. The taxi drivers are going on strike.

The taxi drivers decided at a meeting held today to strike every Sunday from that date. They are seeking higher legal immunity for drivers who own their own cabs and do not pay social security.—France-Press.

British Steamer Attacked, Report

Paris, Dec. 6. The Communist New China news agency reported tonight that the British steamer Hydra-lock had arrived at Foochow after being attacked by Chinese Nationalist aircraft off Pailuan Island yesterday.

The Communist agency said the Nationalist planes made three strafing attacks on the ship and scored many hits.—France-Press.

US TELLS NATIONALIST CHINA—REFRAIN FROM USING VETO

Washington, Dec. 6. Mr. John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, said today Nationalist China had not stated yet if it would follow the intent of the United States and refrain from vetoing the admission of Outer Mongolia to the United Nations. Mr. Dulles said his press conference the United States had explained its position to Nationalist China "that the veto was an exceptional power to be used only in exceptional circumstances, and that it should not be used to prevent the admission of states which a qualified majority of the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly should be admitted."

COMMONWEALTH MEMBERSHIP DESIRED

Mr Marshall Discusses Future Of Singapore

New Delhi, Dec. 6.

In a press interview tonight, Mr. David Marshall, Chief Minister of Singapore, said he agreed with Mr. Nehru's statement that he hoped to see Malaya and Singapore members of the Commonwealth. He emphasised his point by declaring "Indeed I do."

Asked whether he wanted the same status as India, he told Reuter: "I do not aspire to that at present. We would like Commonwealth status with foreign affairs and defence vested in Britain by treaty or some other arrangement. I do not ask for the impossible."

Asked how he viewed Singapore's position as an Asian military base, Mr. Marshall said: "Singapore is the pivot of the entire Anglo-American strategy in the Far East. I recognise sufficiently the strength of that factor. I am not asking for control of defence at this stage."

Asked whether he thought he could rule Singapore without troops, Mr. Marshall said: "The police force have shown themselves efficient and adequate. Troops were not used in the riots last May. I see no reason why in the normal course of things, assistance of troops should be required though naturally there should be precautionary measures providing for extreme eventualities."

Question: "Where do the sympathies of the 70 per cent Chinese out of Singapore's population lie—with Formosa or the Peking Government?"

Mr. Marshall: "The majority naturally are proud of the fact that for the first time in modern history, their motherland has a strong government. The question of loyalty to Singapore, so far, has not arisen because there has so far been the question of loyalty to the colonial concept. But I believe that those who have lived sometimes for generations in Singapore will give loyalty to the land when it is an independent constitutional entity."

Risk With A Chance

Question: "Do you feel that you may be taking a risk by demanding self-government for Singapore at this stage?"

Mr. Marshall: "All life is a risk. This is a risk with a chance of reaching stability, while negotiation of the present dynamic urge for freedom must inevitably result in chaos."

Question: "Do you think the Labour Front will sweep the polls at the next elections?"

Mr. Marshall: "I hope, but do not prophesy. The parties are in an embryonic stage. There are no firm loyalties at present. I believe there is considerable goodwill for the parties represented in a coalition government, and it will be for us to organise and benefit by that goodwill."



DAVID MARSHALL

Nehru's Views

India's Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, said today he was sure that the problems of Singapore and the Federation of Malaya would be dealt with more adequately when the people of these countries have a sensation of freedom and have to shoulder the responsibilities.

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Russian's Xmas Fare Will Include The 1956 Budget

Moscow, Dec. 6.

A top Supreme Soviet official confirmed today that the 1956 budget would be discussed at the Christmas session of the Supreme Soviet, which has been called without any official explanation.

Mr. A. P. Volkov, chairman of the Council of the Union of the Supreme Soviet (the Upper House), told correspondents at a diplomatic reception today that the session, beginning on December 23, would definitely include the budget, though the full agenda was not yet available.

Mr. Volkov indicated that the session would last from five to seven days.

POLICY SPEECH?

Diplomats believed that the Soviet Prime Minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, or the Communist Party chief, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, back from their Asian tour, would make a major foreign policy speech, perhaps including a dramatic announcement.

But important new ideas to end the "cold war" were considered unlikely in view of the Soviet leaders' sharp criticisms of the West during their Asian visit.

Experienced observers said that if the Russians had the idea of issuing a "Christmas message," they might speak out on December 23, at the start of the session to make an impact on the West over Christmas, and get their views into Western newspapers at a moment when people usually have more time and might be thought by the Russians to be receptive to some new "peace and goodwill" proposals.—Reuter.

BOY WHO ATTENDED ILLEGAL MEETING TO BE WHIPPED

Nicosia, Dec. 6.

The Paphos special court for political offences today sentenced a 15-year-old Cypriot-Greek schoolboy to receive six strokes of a whip after he was found guilty of taking part in an illegal meeting.

It was the first whipping sentence handed down under Cyprus's new state of emergency regulations.

At the same time, a Greek deacon was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and three other students were fined from £10 to £20 for similar offences.

Meanwhile, in Famagusta some 500 left-wing workers demonstrated against a speech made in London yesterday by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan, which stressed Turkey's opposition to self-determination for Cyprus.

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FIRST NEED

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32 LIVES LOST DURING US ATOMIC MANOEUVRES

Fort Polk, Louisiana, Dec. 6. Thirty-two United States soldiers died during the "Sagebrush" atomic manoeuvres staged in Louisiana during the past three weeks, it was reported by the army authorities here today.

"Sagebrush" was the largest scale set of military manoeuvres to be organised since the end of world war two. Troops taking part numbered 140,000.

In the mock battle, the home side had to thrust off an attack by an "enemy" using strategic and tactical atomic weapons.

Fifteen soldiers died in accidents involving military trucks, automobiles and tanks. Seven others died in accidents with civilian vehicles. Two soldiers were drowned, and two killed in a helicopter accident. One was killed in the course of a parachute jump and another was electrocuted.

Other deaths were caused by lightning and by disease.—France-Press.

THIS MAY LOSE HIM HIS CHANCE

Bonn, Dec. 6. Herr Kurt Kiesinger, leading Christian Democrat and one of the candidates to succeed Dr. Konrad Adenauer in the Chancellorship, has suffered a sudden heart attack, it was learned today.

This, and the paralysis within the Party today of Dr. Gerhard Schröder, the Minister of the Interior, may throw doubt on the succession to Dr. Adenauer.

Herr Kurt Kiesinger's illness will severely handicap him in his future political ambitions, Dr. Schröder, 48, announced today that he had accepted the leadership of the Protestant branch of the Christian Democratic Parliamentary Party offered to him last week.—Reuter.

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MURDER OF INDIAN STUDENT

Defendant's Girl Sat On Divan

London, Dec. 6.

A 17-year-old typist told a court here today that she and her friend had sat on the divan of a London flat in which the battered body of an Indian student was later found.

The typist, Miss Ann Tilling, was giving evidence at the trial of the boy friend, 22-year-old

Patrick Antonio Michael Ross, warehouseman, who is charged with the murder last month of Akram Chandra Datta, 28. Ross was today remanded until December 13. Last Tuesday the prosecution read an alleged statement by Ross in which he said he hit Datta.

Catholic Church Expanding In China

Manila, Dec. 6.

A Western Catholic missionary who was expelled from China said here today that the Roman Catholic Church in China was expanding "despite pressure" by the Peking People's Government.

He said the Church was "still very much alive" because of the "fortitude" of Chinese Catholics. Father Raymond de Jaeger, Regent of the Institute of Far Eastern Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey, was speaking at the first Asian congress of lay apostolate now being held here.

The congress was attended by more than 150 delegates from India, Japan, Singapore, Malaya, Hongkong, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Nationalist China, South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines.

Father de Jaeger, who was a missionary in China for 17 years, said he had seen Chinese Catholics cling to their faith despite Communist "persecution."—Reuter.

Gave Her Trinkets

Miss Tilling told the court today that on November 6, the approximate date of the alleged murder, she and Ross went to the Cenotaph in Whitehall, the Warfield Centre and then Ross's flat. Ross showed her a gold travelling clock and gave her a trinket and some postcards of Canada. They sat on the divan.

Mr A. C. Prothero, who is defending, asked Miss Tilling if she tried to persuade her not to sit on the divan. She said he had not.

Mr Prothero: "There is no suggestion that you both sat on the divan is there? — We did, yes."

Miss Tilling said that earlier on October 28 Ross told her he was going to Germany. She said: "He asked me — I can't remember how he put it — if you killed someone could you smell the body?"

Answering Mr Prothero, Miss Tilling said she told Ross she did not know.

Behaved Properly

Ross had always behaved properly towards her. The day he told her he was going to Germany he also said he had had all his money changed into foreign currency to take with him. Next day he told her his employers had given him a cheque for 20 or 30 sterling. — China Mail Special.

London, Dec. 6.
Mr Harold Macmillan, British Foreign Secretary, said today that the most important step in European history during the century was able to be taken this year.

"We were able to bury the hatred between France and Britain and Germany, and to accept the new Germany as a fellow member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Thus, our three countries are now allies."

Mr Macmillan was addressing the annual general meeting of the Anglo-French society in the House of Lords.

He said that all over the world French policy and British policy had found themselves in fundamental agreement because "our interests are the same and we must go forward hand in hand."

Utmost Value

He added: "If any illustration of this were needed, it was the recent conference of Foreign Ministers in Geneva. Mr John Foster Dulles (United States) and M. Antoine Pinay (France) and myself found ourselves in complete agreement on every aspect of our policy and we were able to pursue a common course in even the smallest details.

The clear mind and the lively interventions of M. Pinay were of the utmost value in presenting the Western case."

Mr Macmillan observed that the relations between Britain and France had never been on such a sensible, tolerant footing as they were today.

Mr Macmillan said that Britain held every sympathy for the difficulties of France in North Africa.

"It is our most earnest hope that they may reach a solution which will be loyally supported by all the peoples," he added.—Reuter.

ALLEGED ABDUCTION CASE CLOSED

Calcutta, Dec. 6.

LOCAL magistrates yesterday set free Bahadur Rehman, a 24-year-old Pakistan, who had been charged with abducting Mrs Edna Mary Dixon, a 34-year-old British housewife from her husband's residence.

Police had submitted to the court that Rehman, who had been employed by the Dixons as a cook, had abducted Mrs Dixon on August 2 from her home at Beighuria, just outside Calcutta. Five days later Rehman and Mrs Dixon were traced to a hotel in Madras, police said. The Magistrates Court today issued an order freeing Rehman after they had heard a request from the husband, Mr Ernest Dixon, asking that the case be abandoned.

Mr Dixon, a foreman in a locomotive boiler factory, said he did not like to proceed further in the case because of the health and mental state of his wife. The police recommended the request to the court.—China Mail Special.

Strike Delays Christmas Mail

San Francisco, Dec. 6.

A strike called by AFL marine firemen to back demands for increased vacation pay delayed a cargo of Christmas mail today for servicemen overseas.

The mail was aboard the China Transport, a freighter operated by Pacific Transport Lines. The boat was supposed to have sailed on Sunday for the Orient, but the firemen refused to sign on for the voyage. Aboard the vessel were 751 tons of general military cargo and 2,353 sacks of mail for Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps men in Hawaii, Japan and Okinawa. Also aboard were 5,500 sacks of civilian mail.

Decide Today

Army and Navy officials were to decide today whether to shift the Christmas mail to another vessel. The China Transport was the first ship to be delayed by the marine firemen since they announced last week that all member firms of the Pacific Maritime Association would be subject to their refusal to sign on.—United Press.

Reds Trying Malayan Government

Canberra, Dec. 6.

Minister of External Affairs Richard Casey today warned that Malayan Communists are "sorely" trying the patience of the Malayan Government.

He charged that the Malayan terrorists were using to their own advantage the amnesty offered them by the Malayan Government.

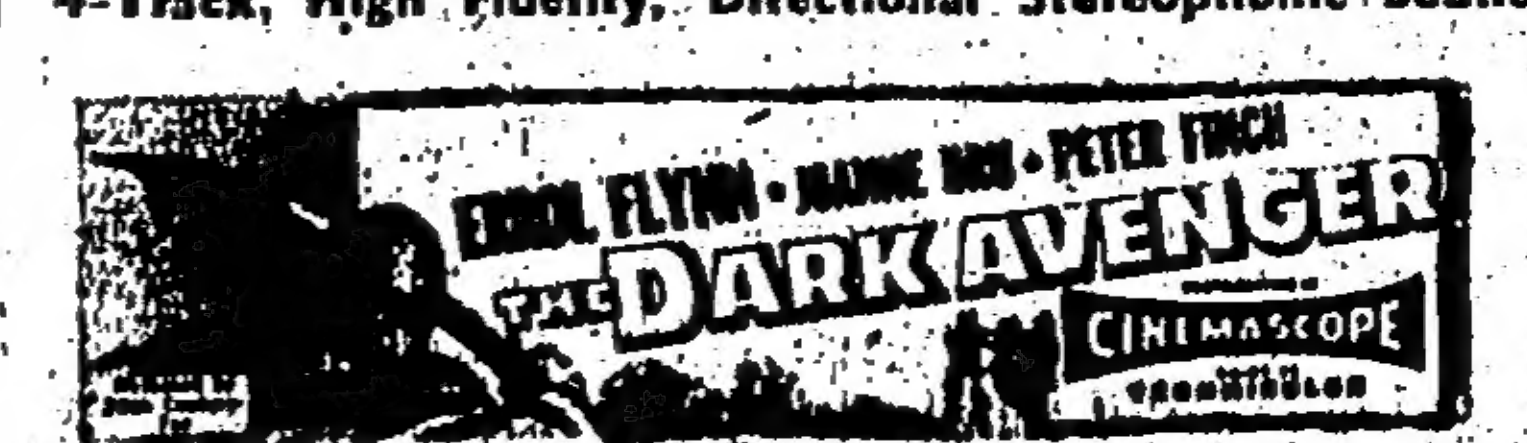
Since the end of September, when the Communists called for ceasefire discussions, he said, they have issued provocative and impudent statements.

"The trouble with the Communist terrorists, as with Communists all over the world, is that if you attempt a conciliatory approach, they immediately try to take advantage of it," Mr Casey said.

"For the present, the Malayan Government's extremely generous offer stands, even though the patience is being sorely tried," he said.—United Press.

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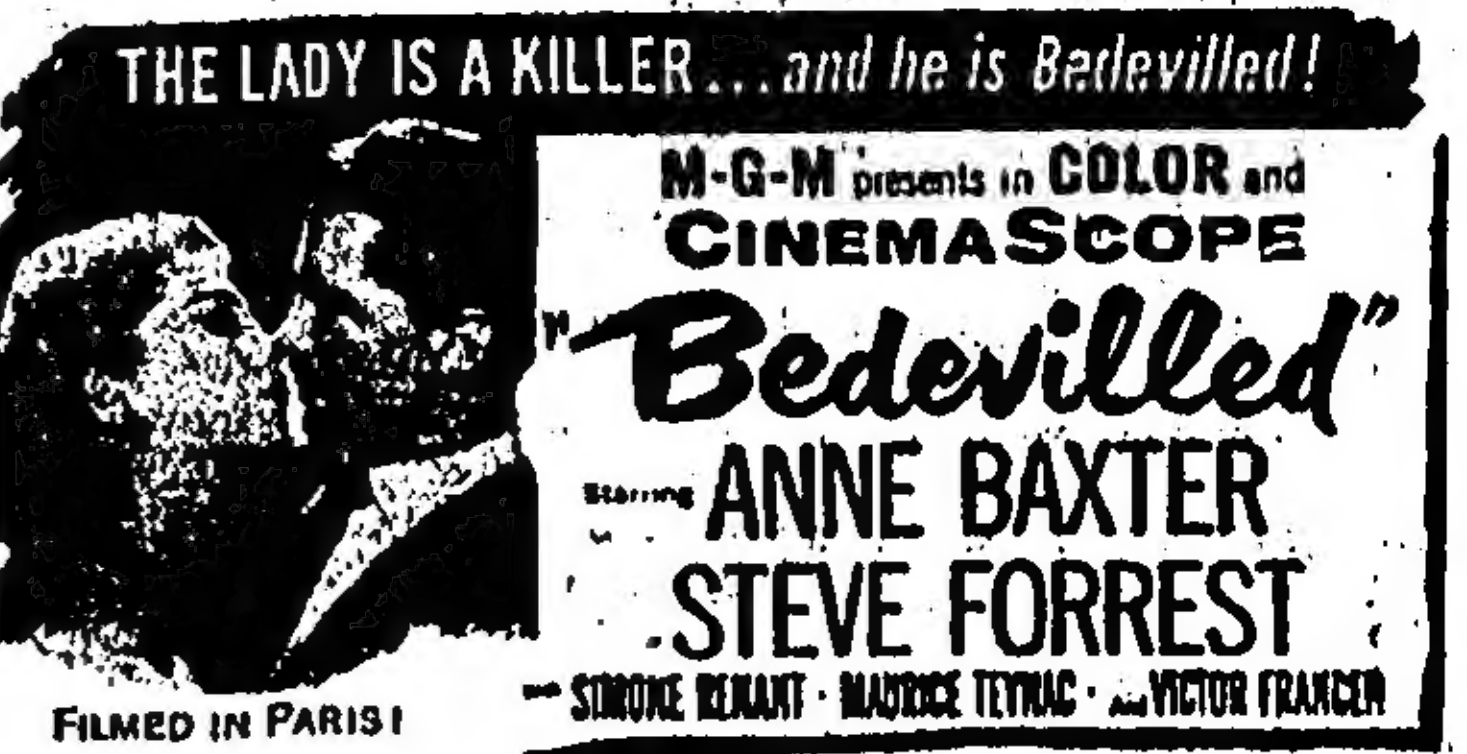


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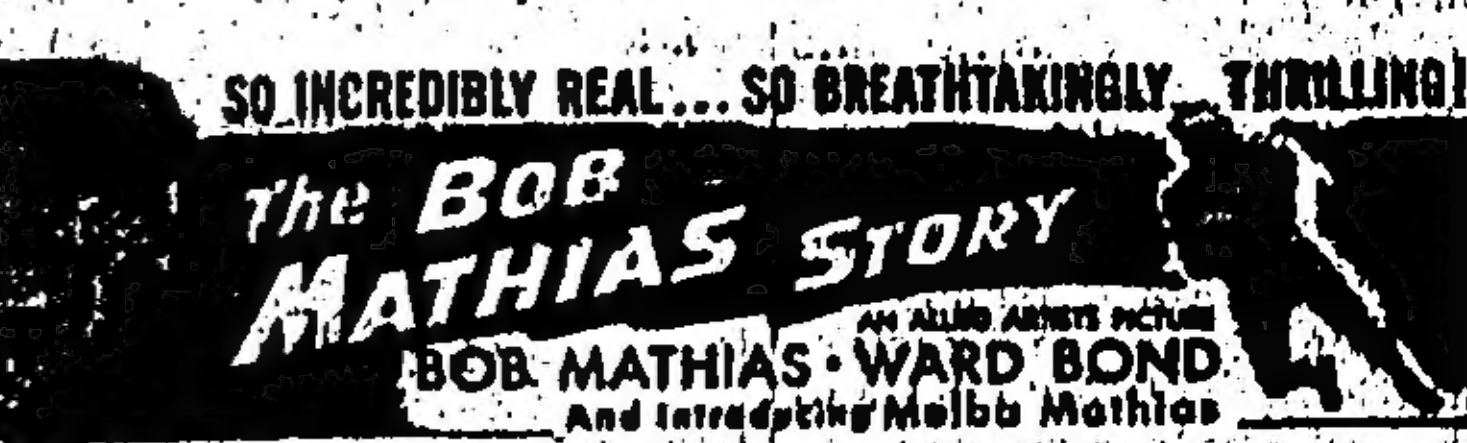
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Moroccan Rebels Free Leader

DARING RAID ON HOSPITAL

Oujda, French Morocco, Dec. 6. Growing rebel activity in the Riff mountains on the borders of Spanish Morocco and Algeria is causing concern to the French authorities.

The most spectacular and daring rebel coup came last night when a commando of 30 steel-helmeted and uniformed raiders set free a rebel leader from the hospital at Berkane. In the last two months, there have been 98 incidents in the frontier region compared with 84 in the previous nine months.

Pravda Attacks Western Journalists

London, Dec. 6. THE Soviet Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, today launched a second attack in two days on Western correspondents covering the Asian tour of Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the leaders of Russia. The newspaper said yesterday that these correspondents were acting with "intent" by misinforming the public, and that the British Foreign Office had lent support to their "distorted" dispatches. Pravda, quoted by Moscow Radio, said today that the Western newspapermen were making "frantic attempts to prove that the welcome accorded to the Soviet leaders in Burma, as in India, was not spontaneous but ordered."

It said that at Mandalay Airport, correspondents asked a Burmese soldier with a mine detector to pose for pictures as if he was actually making a search.

"This was organised by the correspondent of the London Observer, Philip Deane, who, as is well known, was captured during the Korean War and, after being released, excelled himself with disgraceful and slanderous attacks on the (North) Korean People's Democratic Republic," Pravda said.—China Mail Special.

Since the beginning of October there has been intense terrorist activity in the mountainous and wooded country inhabited by one of the most turbulent tribes in Morocco. The terrorists have singled out the traditional leaders of the Moroccan communities who are being either assassinated or forced to resign.

More Terrorists

Despite powerful French troop reinforcements, the army has been unable to put a stop to rebel raids. On the contrary the number of the terrorists involved has mounted steadily. The army estimated that there is a hard core of about 200 rebels divided into well armed groups of 11. They are operating in the triangle north of Oujda, bounded by the Spanish Morocco and Algerian borders.

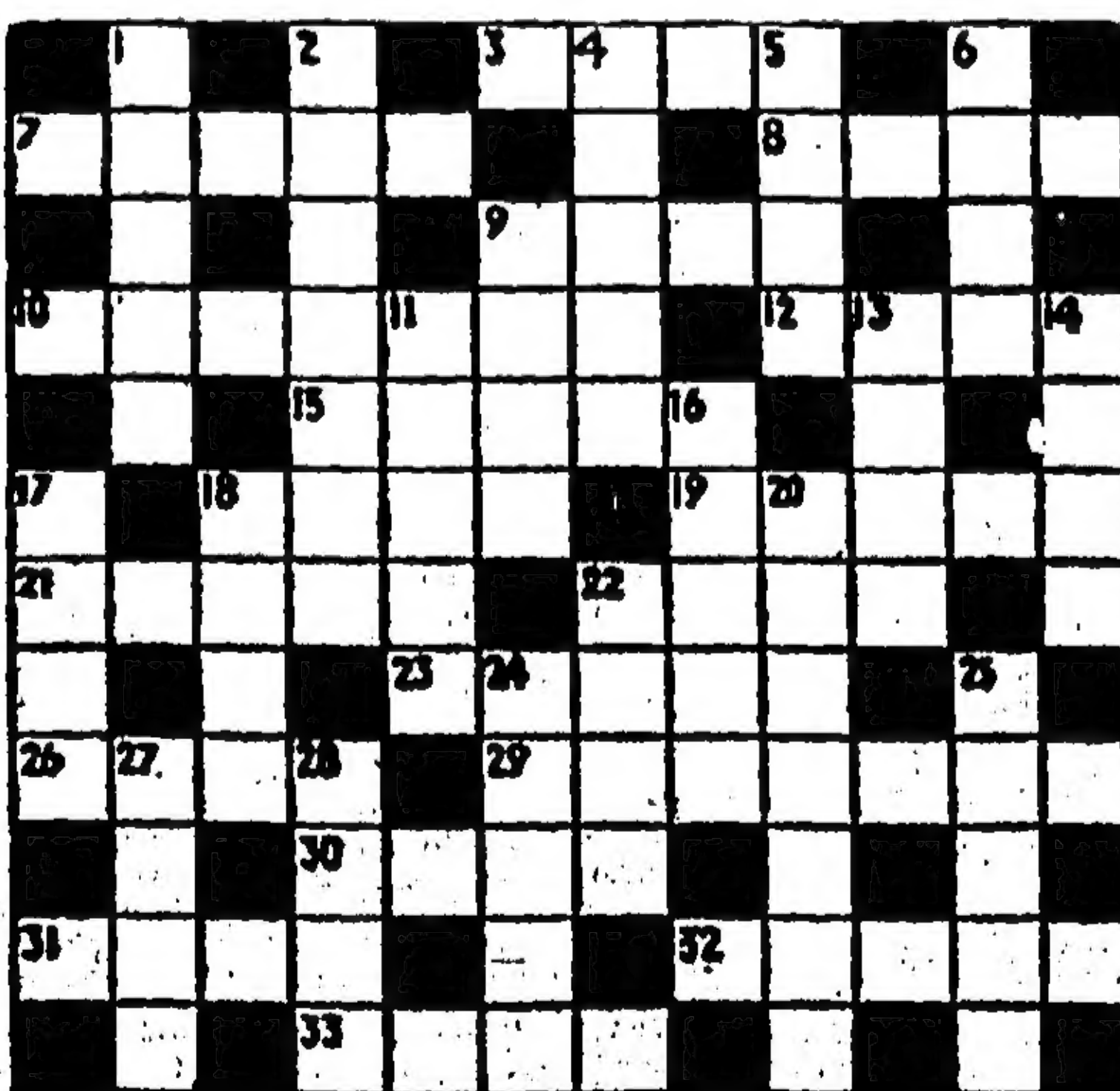
Their ultimate object is believed to be a rising by the 110,000 tribesmen of the Beni Snassen which would enable them to establish a continuous rebel front linking Morocco and Algeria. This would mean the union of the "forces of liberation" sought by the headquarters of the movement in Cairo.

Intensive Propaganda

To the west of the Oujda triangle rebel envoys are carrying out intensive propaganda. Their main target are the tribes controlling the approaches to Taza on the main road between Oujda and Fez. The authorities are countering the rebel infiltration by a programme of economic aid to the tribes and by reinforcing the garrison of Taza.—France-Press.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 6. Clemente A. Adelman, brother-in-law and former adviser of ex-Argentine President Eduardo Lonardi, was arrested here today. General Lonardi was a leader of the military group which overthrew former President Peron.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Catalogue (4).
 - Wooden shoe (5).
 - Notion (4).
 - Certain (4).
 - Hoplessness (7).
 - Killed (4).
 - Loas (5).
 - Over-supply (4).
 - Speak (5).
 - Angler's basket (5).
 - Lost blood (4).
 - Feature (5).
 - Goes astray (4).
 - Laborious (7).
 - Promote (4).
 - Bill of fare (4).
 - Trop (5).
 - Fashion (4).
- DOWN**
- Refuge (5).
 - Make up (7).
 - Harden (5).
 - Fastens (4).
 - Lake (4).
 - Sediment (4).
 - Crown-up (5).
 - Burden (4).
 - Blind (4).
 - Substantial (5).
 - Land measure (4).
 - Equipment (7).
 - Comes back (7).
 - Suit (5).
 - Hasten (5).
 - Regretted (4).
 - Decor (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Hissus, 7. Acid, 9. Super, 10. Nuts, 11. Tarn, 12. Celebrate, 13. Tain, 14. Feet, 15. Depression, 22. Dicot, 24. Wink, 25. Abuse, 26. Glen, 27. Deper, Down: 2. Drip, 3. Thrift, 4. Benda, 5. Pathetic, 6. Tier, 8. Cude, 12. Numb, 13. Cuple, 14. Quinine, 15. Ape, 16. Friend, 17. Scamp, 21. Date, 23. Ogle.

New Outfit For Sophia



The world of Italian filmgoers is split currently into two camps—the partisans of sexy, curvaceous Gius. Lollabrigida and the partisans of curvaceous, sexy Sophia Loren. (We're neutral—we'll take both.) Sophia's next move in the battle between the two gals for optimum publicity will be a tour of major European cities in connection with her new film "The River Girl." She is shown here being fitted with one of her outfits for the tour by Rome tailor Schubert.—Express Photo.

Cabinet Discusses Progress Of Cyprus Talks

London, Dec. 6. Sir Anthony Eden's Cabinet today discussed latest reports on the progress of secret talks on the future of Cyprus, the island colony where violence is flaring in support of the union with Greece campaign.

Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Foreign Secretary, told the Commons yesterday that Britain was prepared to accept self-determination "sometime"—which diplomatic sources here took to be a small step towards meeting the "Enosis" (union with Greece) demand.

Previously, the British Government had declined to commit itself on the principle of self-determination.

Mr. Macmillan's disclosure of the behind-the-scenes talks in Athens and Ankara was the first official admission that negotiations for a settlement were currently going on. The Foreign Secretary stressed that when he referred to self-determination "sometime" he meant under conditions which would have to be worked out and be acceptable.

Strategic Reasons

Diplomatic sources said the present talks were on the issue of a clearer definition of "sometime." In the British Government's view, the strategic reasons for maintaining a strong base in the Eastern Mediterranean are vital factors in any settlement.

Mr. James Griffiths, former Labour Colonial Secretary, came out with the clearest statement so far on opposition policy to Cyprus in the House of Commons debate.

He said the island should be offered self-determination by a target date and suggested within five years. Mr. Griffiths said he understood that Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Enosis movement, would be willing to accept such proposal.

Labour's policy, diplomatic sources said, is based on the principle that dependent peoples, after a period of democratic evolution, should be allowed to choose their own future.

In the Government's assessment of the situation, the sources said, the position of the large Turkish minority is regarded as an important consideration.

Great Mistake

Mr. Macmillan stressed yesterday what he declared "it would be a great mistake to underestimate the strength of Turkish feeling or the tenacity of their purpose." He said the Government was determined to bring about a settlement which would be acceptable to both sides.

Arrested Climbers May Be Snowbound

London, Dec. 6. Unless the two members of the Welsh Himalayan expedition, and their accompanying Nepalese liaison officer, who were arrested by Chinese Communist troops on the Nepalese Tibetan border, are released within the next few days, they may have to stay in that region for the rest of the winter, it was pointed out in London today.

There is, however, the possibility that they may be repatriated through China proper. The passes through the mountains in Nepal become snow-bound by the middle of December, and no further traffic through them is possible until the spring.

Inquiries Made

The two Welsh climbers, Sidney Wignall and John Harrop, were arrested on October 27. The Nepalese Consul in Lhasa has made inquiries on behalf of his government and information has also been sought by the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking, Mr. Con Douglas O'Neill.

The Indian Government, it is believed, had also made inquiries. No official news have been received by the government concerned. A scribbled message brought back by a shepherd and two porters to the headquarters of the expedition, said the Chinese had taken the two climbers to a place called "The Great Mistake."

Admit China To UN Demand

Rangoon, Dec. 6. BURMA issued a joint statement today calling for the admission of China into the United Nations, and settlement of the question of Indo-China, Korea, Formosa and United Nations membership.

The statement was signed by Premier U Nu and Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, who is on an official visit here, together with the Soviet Communist Party First Secretary, Nikita Khrushchev. The statement said: "The People's Republic of China should secure its rightful place in the United Nations to enhance the prestige and importance of that organization."

It called for the settlement of the Indo-China question in conformity with the conference on Indo-China armistice which was held in Geneva in June, 1954.

Return Islands

The statement demanded the unification of Korea and the return to China of Formosa and "other coastal islands."

Further attempts should be made to solve the problems which were outlined at the top-level talks, despite the failure of the Big Four foreign ministers' conference last month, the statement said. Mr. Khrushchev was nearly left out of today's signing ceremony when it was discovered that only two chairs had been provided for the signatories. U Nu called for a third chair.

After the signing, U Nu shook hands with Marshal Bulganin. Khrushchev hugged at Bulganin's sleeve and manoeuvred into position to join in a three man handshake for photographers.

Marshal Bulganin was scheduled to give a broadcast later today at the Presidential residence.—France-Press.

Dutch Draw Up Agenda For Indonesia

The Hague, Dec. 6. The Dutch Government prepared an agenda for a ministerial level conference between Indonesia and Holland, and is awaiting Indonesian approval, informed Dutch sources said today.

The agenda, which the Djakarta government is now studying, consists of the following points:

1. The "Hague" protocol signed August 10, 1954. Indonesia wishes to make new proposals.
2. The Indonesian proposal to replace the December 27, 1949, financial-economic agreement between the two countries with one or more agreements, and a discussion of methods to reach this goal.
3. "Certain problems" relating to New Guinea, without prejudicing either side's stand on the sovereignty of the area. (Indonesia claims Indonesian sovereignty, and Holland claims Dutch sovereignty.)

Other Questions

4. "Other questions" which might be felt by one of the parties to be of importance in their joint relations.

If the Indonesian Government approves the agenda, as the Dutch has, the Dutch are ready to begin talks at once—even before the United Nations begins its debate on the New Guinea issue.

The first three points of the agenda were suggested by Indonesia. The fourth was put on the agenda by Holland, to enable her to raise such matters as the treatment of Dutch prisoners in Indonesia, if she desires.—United Press.

Secret West German 'Mincemeat'

The West German Foreign Office is to set two meetings to discuss up secret reports no longer needed into pieces so small that the most ingenious spy could never do them together again.

In the coming year the Foreign Office expects to receive two more such reports. One is a report on the activities of a group of German agents in the Soviet Union, and the other is a report on the activities of a group of German agents in the United States.

Second Kon Tiki On The Way

Lima, Dec. 6. The raft "Cantuta del Peru" neared the Humboldt current today on the second day of what was beginning to be known as the "second Kon Tiki expedition."

The Cantuta was reported this morning to be some 80 miles out at sea and drifting at two miles an hour toward a point where prevalent winds and the Humboldt current would permit it to take a steady course westward, thus avoiding the danger of drifting toward the Galapagos Islands.

UN Admission Showdown Tomorrow

United Nations, Dec. 6. The General Assembly is expected to meet in plenary session on Thursday to give final approval to a proposal for admission of 18 countries to the United Nations, it was disclosed today.

Prince Wan Walthayakon of Thailand, chairman of the Assembly's Special Political Committee, told of plans for handling the resolution to the Security Council by the end of this week. He spoke during his Committee's debate on the membership problem.

Prince Wan said debate on admission of new members would be completed by the Committee on Wednesday and action would be taken on a draft resolution of Canada and 27 other members, calling for an 18-nation package deal.

Affirm Action

He also said he expected that an Assembly plenary session could be held on Thursday to affirm the Committee action. He said he was not certain that the Security Council would meet on the membership issue before the early part of next week. However, there were indications that the 11-nation Council might be prepared to take up the question on Friday of this week.

The Council must make a favourable recommendation before any applicant country can be voted into the organization by the Assembly. An applicant must get seven affirmative votes in the Council. A negative vote or veto by any of the five permanent Council members would disqualify any applicant regardless of the total number of votes received.

Hurry Along

Indian delegate V. K. Krishna Menon pointed out in the Special Political Committee the need for hurrying along the membership resolution so that the Assembly and Security Council can act prior to the end of the present session. The Assembly is scheduled to adjourn on December 10, but actually may not do so until about December 13.

Prince Wan said he fully realized the need for expediting the membership proposal and would do everything he could to speed it along.—United Press.

YUGOSLAVIA RELEASES PROMINENT PRISONER

Belgrade, Dec. 6. Dragoljub Jovanovic, former head of an Agrarian Party and one of the last of the important postwar prisoners still in Yugoslav jails, has been released under last week's amnesty. It was learned today.

He had served all but six months of a nine-year sentence imposed in 1947 for acting as "an enemy of the people." He had been among the most prominent of the left-wing non-Communist party leaders who collaborated with the Communist regime in the early years after the war, serving as a member of the Constituent Assembly and as Secretary-General of the "National Front."

Critical

He was one of the few who criticized some of the regime's actions, partly in private sessions which always "looked" to the public later, and partly in public.

Another released prisoner, reported today that only 250 men engaged as "political" mostly those sentenced for "wrecking activities," will remain in the big federal penitentiary at Sremska Mitrovica where Jovanovic and others were held.

Subsequent amnesties over the last three years have gradually emptied the "collaboration" and "wrecking" sections of the prison.

This report was received from John Morrill, the Cantuta's American crew member.

The raft, which left Talara, Peru, after a delay of 20 days, is under the command of Eduardo Ingria, a 45-year-old naturalized Peruvian of Czech origin. Other crew members are another Czech, Jaromir Guerrero, an Argentine, Joaquin Guerrero, a Dutchman, Andy Ross, and a Peruvian girl, Natalia Mozuelos. There is also a parrot on board.

Auxiliary Engine

The Cantuta was built along the lines of the famed Kon Tiki raft on which Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl successfully drifted across the lower Pacific. However, in contrast to its celebrated predecessor, the Cantuta has a small auxiliary engine.

The members of the expedition made it clear they intended to use the engine only when the raft got hopelessly bogged down during windless periods. They said it was mostly a "psychological help."

The small cabin was constructed so that it could take the beating from heavy swells. The raft's masthead flies the flag of Peru, Argentina, Holland, France and the United States.

"The easy part has been done. The hard part is yet to come," is the motto for the crew hung inside the cabin.

Ingria conceived the idea and carried it through the planning stage. He estimated the trip would cost approximately US\$5,000.

Making Film

Ingria will make a film of the complete journey. He is also an accomplished musician. During his stay in Talara he composed a "March of the Cantuta" to give his expedition a musical send-off.

Before leaving Talara he expressed hope he would be able to make undersea movies in the Pacific Islands and to have colour photographs published in Life magazine.—United Press.

'Noah's Ark' Leaves For Macquarie Is

Melbourne, Dec. 6. The Danish-owned Polyn exploration ship, Kista Dan, (1,239 tons) sailed south from here on a 1,000-mile voyage today with 15 scientists and a "Noah's Ark" cargo of Border Leicester ewes, geese, ducks and hens. They are on their way to Macquarie Island, Australia's Antarctic research station.

The scientists on the way to Macquarie Island are led by the New Zealand mountaineer, Mr. E. Adams.—China Mail Special.

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WATER IS PRECIOUS

Nathaniel Gubbins

THE first photograph of an outside cook of the Women's Royal Army Corps offering grinning girl soldiers a spoonful of raw Christmas pudding has been published.

It will soon be followed by even larger women cooks offering the indigestible mixture to even more girls serving with the Navy, Army, and Air Force.

As Christmas draws nearer the women cooks will grow bigger and bigger until, so far as I am concerned, they become one of many pre-Christmas nightmares.

Last year I followed the fortunes of one woman Service cook who seemed to be a favourite model for the photographers. She appeared about a month before Christmas Day doing her stuff with a ladle. At first she seemed just a jolly, fat girl who was not going short of rations. The next week she appeared again looking bigger and jollier, but as time went on she assumed gigantic proportions, filling half a page of one of the picture papers.

It was only natural for me to assume that she was making many puddings and having a good go at them herself; and as her smile seemed rather forced in her later appearances it occurred to me that it was more than a gallant gesture intended to conceal agonies of dyspepsia caused by the consumption of pounds of uncooked suet.

Then, just when she was becoming a fascinating study in modern female behaviour, she disappeared and was replaced by another woman cook offering raw pudding to Wrens.

What happened to her? I think she had made one more pudding to please the photographers, who didn't turn up. Unable to resist the rich mixture she ate one spoonful. Then she ate another, and then another until she had consumed the entire rations of a regiment—and burst.

Pig At A Wedding

I AM also haunted just before Christmas, by the grisly exhibitions in butchers' shops.

Before the end of rationing butchers' shops could be

observed without nausea because there was hardly any meat in them. I remember one butcher who was either so short of the stuff, or kept so much under the counter, that he displayed bowls of flowers in his window to discourage those who thought he might have anything to spare.

Since then I have become accustomed to dead animals hanging by their hind legs in shabby rows, but I doubt if I shall ever become accustomed to dead pigs, made to look gay for Christmas with red rosettes in their ears and their mouths wrenched into unnatural, Christmas smiles by a couple of lemons stuck between their teeth.

It was while I was staring in horror at one of these illuminated at night, and with silver paper streamers round its neck, reminding me of a duchess who had passed out at a party still wearing her three rows of pearls—that I noticed the young lovers.

At one time young lovers could be seen at almost any street corner saying their eternal good-night, or huddled in doorways muttering life-long

devotion under mackintoshes. If they looked into illuminated shop windows it was usually furniture shops displaying three-piece suites made for middie or double beds made for dwarfs at so much down and so much a month.

But these two, their hands clasped and their eyes shining under the lights, were gazing with love and admiration at the dead pig. I felt sure that if the butcher had hung a sprig of mistletoe over its head, and there had been no window in between, they would have kissed it.

It was after that in a nightmare that I saw the pig with three rows of pearls round its neck go to their wedding. Every time a lemon fell out of its mouth they stuffed it with raw Christmas pudding and said, "Smile, damn you, smile." The pig smiled and looked more and more like the woman Army cook. Then it passed out and looked like a dead duchess.

When the ceremony was over they cooked the duchess for the wedding breakfast and lived happily ever after, I hope.

Wild, Wild Women

PEOPLE in the licensed victuallers' business are worried about the steady decline in bar receipts.

For some time trade papers have blamed high taxation and TV for keeping regular customers at home.

But I could give a third reason. It's the women again. When the first respectable woman invaded a bar she came as the guest of a man. Both were unpopular, the man for bringing the woman in, and the woman for daring to come in at all. Free-and-easy conversation dried up and a miserable evening was had by all.

Later on women arrived in pairs. They were timid at first, giggling, fumbling in handbags, and whispering together: "No, no. Let me. It's my treat." "No, no. It's mine."

Men in the bar coughed, looked at their boots, and tugged at their ties. The latest funny story ended in the middle, and the landlord spent the next few minutes unhappily saying good-night to his best customers.

If you go into a bar today the first thing you see is a row of large behinds on stools. They all belong to women. So do the fat calves dangling below and

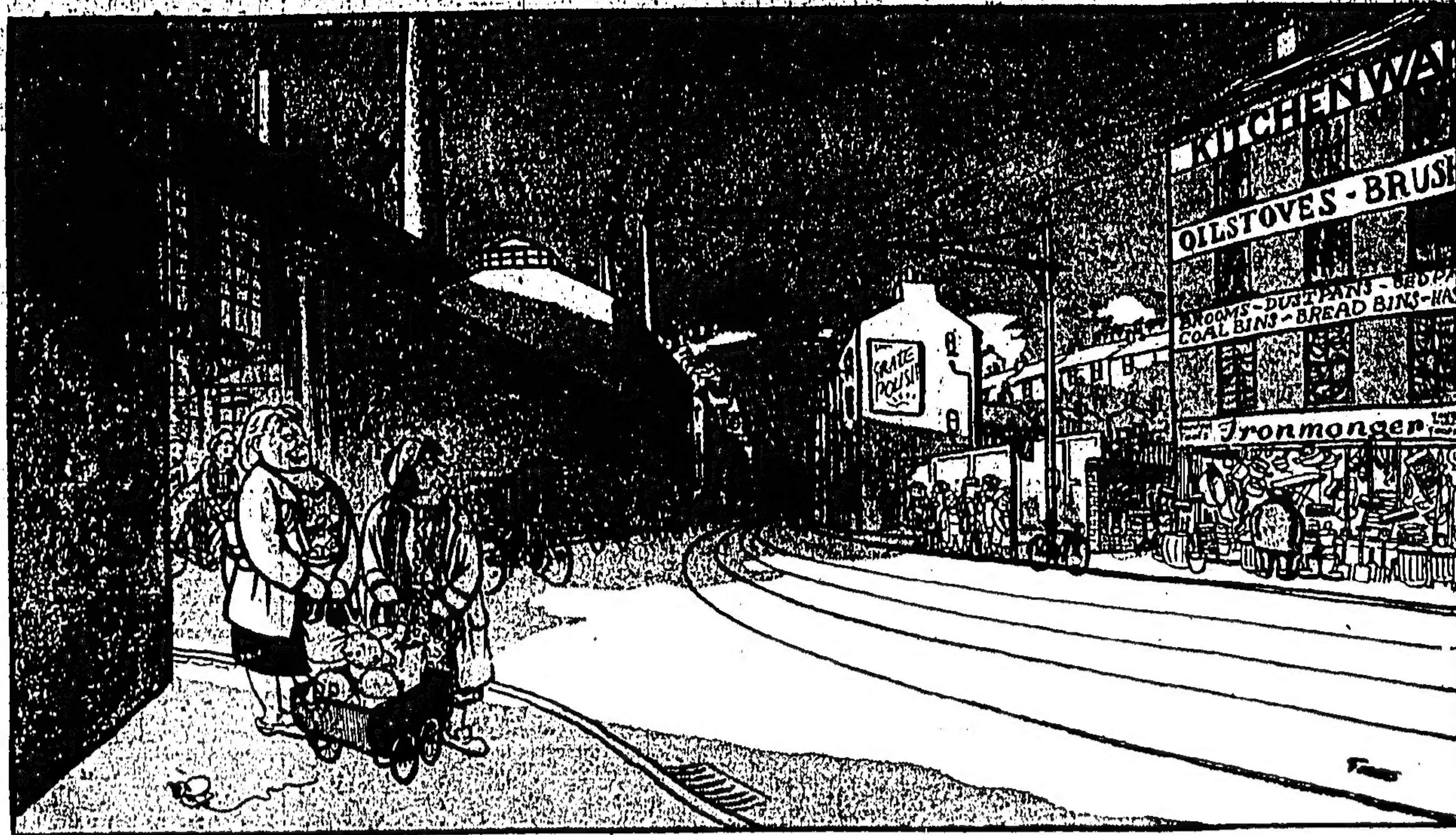
the high-heeled shoes hooked firmly for the evening to the legs of the stools. On the bar counter are handbags, shopping lists, sometimes little dogs licking over the snacks, and glasses red and greasy with lipstick.

Over all there is a hideous din of squeaking, squawking, and maniac laughter. At first you think this landlord isn't doing too badly with so many customers until you remember that most women can squeak on one drink, squawk on two, and laugh like lunatics on three.

Moreover they drink slowly in little sips, never move from the bar unless driven away by hunger, and spend money, as the saying goes, "like a man with no arms."

Therefore it is not an uncommon sight to see a nervous little man creep in, buy himself one drink if his order can be heard above the din, and if he can get it past the barricade of behinds, and creep quietly out.

He was probably the landlord's best customer. But he has not gone home to look at TV. He has gone to have a drink in peace by his fireside. (World Copyright)



"I see your Old Man's doing his Christmas shopping early this year, Luv."

London Express Service

I SEE A NEW HOPE FOR CYPRUS

MAKARIOS and HARDING talk to William Hickey



The Archbishop

Nicosia.

I MET the two top men of Cyprus last week—Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, the Governor, and Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Enosis (union with Greece) movement.

And I am hopeful. For the field-marshal is a Christian. And I think the archbishop is getting tired of trying to be a field-marshal.

I think British justice and decency—even under the strain of murder—will win. But, as the full moon shines on the cypresses and palm trees, let me tell you what happened. MAKARIOS, a young, handsome man with a charming smile, was in his office. He was sitting behind a wooden desk. There were angel heads carved out of the wood. I told him that in Britain we were roused at the murder of our soldiers.

As sweet as his smile.

NEVER—

I ASKED him about Eoka, the terrorist organisation. I asked him how he could as a man of religion support such an organisation. "I have never admired them," replied the archbishop, "and have never given advice to them." Then he spoke of his esteem for the British. He spoke of his

hopes for a settlement: "I am not pessimistic, although I would not say I am optimistic. It all depends on what instructions the Governor has from London."

I had a quick look at the religious pictures on the walls as I waited for the interpreter to translate.

"My hopes," said the archbishop, "are quite moderate. That a solution will be found."

And that, coming from a man like Makarios who has previously been utterly determined on "Enosis or nothing" makes me think a solution is near.

I asked Makarios what he thought of Harding.

He replied: "Personally, I have appreciation and esteem for him. I think he is a strong personality with an open mind. With that I can agree. When I went to Government House through the security police bar-

riers I met a Governor whom I think we can all be proud of. HARDING was in his study. The armed sentries paced up and down outside the windows as we sat drinking China tea.

The flowers are still blooming in the garden between the barriers.

After all, the bombs at the ball at my hotel last Saturday evening were intended for him.

The field-marshal is a small, neat man, but he has all the British phlegm.

"I had intended to go to that ball," he said, "but there had been murders of soldiers. They were being buried. I didn't think it was in keeping with the situation to go."

He sat back in his leather chair and sipped his tea. He talked of his visits to villages where the Greek Cypriots had been more than friendly. He talked of his efforts to learn the language.

But he also said quietly: "I intend to stamp out Eoka."

TERROR

THE sentry passed the window—"Eoka," said the Governor, "is an organisation which aims at achieving political effects through terror and intimidation and that cannot be permitted."

I think Eoka and its supporters will soon feel sorry for themselves.

But Harding is no ruthless military man. On the contrary,



The General

"You cannot solve this problem by military means alone," he said. "Once law and order are restored the new development plans can go ahead."

"We have got to restore discipline in schools and to make sure that education is education not political indoctrination. You mustn't let school-boys run a country."

Of course Harding is absolutely right about education. We have for some fantastic reason allowed the Greek Cypriot education to be run from Athens.

The teachers are even given pensions by the Greek Government, providing they have a certificate from the archbishop that they have behaved well—from a Greek point of view.

This is a classical island, the island of Aphrodite, and it is still very pink and lovely. Harding, small as he is, in stature, has taken on a classical task—a Herculean task.

And the particular task he has taken on is cleaning out Augean stables. The way we have run this island—or rather not run it—is enough to make you despair.

"I felt it my duty to take this job on," said Harding. "It wasn't a job I would have chosen. Whether I can produce an answer or not I don't know."

NEW MEN

AND unfortunately he is trying to produce an answer in an atmosphere of armed guards, sandbags, and bombs. Like the troops here, he is paying for past mistakes.

Harding is gathering around him new men and infusing new life into those already here. His chief of staff is a young brigadier—highly intelligent—whose attitude is: "We will stamp this out." His name is George Baker.

But his job is not easy. Until these past few days Greek Cypriots had more respect for Eoka than for British government.

It was dark as I came away from the governor's residence. The sentries paced up and down with their rifles and sub-machine-guns.

The air was warm and acrid. The Cypriots went about their work. They were as friendly as ever.

But everyone British here knows that a bomb may be thrown at him, or her, at any moment.

Because we have neglected to rule we have this situation. In this case it is probably not too late. Already Cypriots are changing their minds.

But why, oh why, must our men be shot in the back before we do anything?

I believe that is a question both Harding and Makarios are asking.

HARTNELL'S ROYAL ROAD TO SUCCESS

—By Anne Edwards—



HARTNELL AND THE QUEEN MOTHER

THE most beautiful dress I ever saw was a shimmer of light like a soap bubble, sometimes palest pink, sometimes blue, sometimes green, yet the all-over effect was white.

I didn't know then as I watched it gleaming in the Abbey (it was the Queen's Coronation dress) that 30 years of hard work, snubs, doubts, shrewdness, talent, and timing lay behind this one shining dress.

The man who made it—Norman Hartnell—has published the story of what it takes to get to the top of the fashion business, and stay there.

RESILIENCE

HE was turned down by every famous dress designer in London.

So he started on his own and lived for years on the edge of debt, rescued time after time by the kind to father who always forecast the word: "It's not if you go broke," he said, grimly, "it is when," but always sending a cheque in the nick of time.

"He was disappointed that I wanted to be a dress designer," said Norman Hartnell, "so I was sent to be a mirror-maker in the country. But in the end, when

I was successful, he used to go around with handfuls of my press cuttings in his pocket.

"I prepared a collection of sketches for Paquin," he told me at lunch. "Across the top I wrote fulsome captions: 'Hartnell paints for Paquin these sinuous silhouettes in sapphire satin.'"

Hartnell prepares for Paquin this genuine gingham gown, but I got no further than the tradesmen's entrance, so I stormed out. 'I have come here to discuss art,' I said, 'not trade.'

"I realise now," Hartnell told me, "how wrong I was. The same business sense must be in a dress shop as a fish and chips shop."

Hartnell has a gift for dramatic dresses that hold their own on any stage.

"Norman dear," remonstrated his sister once, "I know that a band of magenta cock feathers attached across the stomach of an apple green satin dress is most original, but wouldn't a simple little black dress in wool... be nice?"

TALENT

HE has talent, most of the stars, from Gertrude Lawrence ("a perfect clothes prop"), to Margaret Leighton ("a dress designer's dream").

He draped Gladys Cooper in "a dress of magenta and white. Joe Collins in white satin draped with astrakhan. Lily Elizer in western movie costume. Brita Thun in brown chiffon. Vivien Leigh in light blue silk. Margaret

Lockwood in floating white muslin. Anna Neagle in lilac silk."

"I can remember all the important dresses I have ever made," he explained.

But, as in all successful careers, everything that he did trained him for the one job which he now does better than anyone else in Britain could—the royal dresses.

One of the fascinations of this book to me is that it gives the first authentic information on the technique of royal dressing.

DIPLOMACY

THE style that the Queen Mother made famous was the late King's idea: "His Majesty made it clear in his quiet way that I should attempt to capture the picturesque grace of the Victorian period in the dresses I was to design for the Queen."

The Queen Mother chose gentle colours: muted pink, blue, and lilac, because "she wished to convey the most comforting, encouraging, and sympathetic note possible."

But, designed for royalty involves other intricate and unsuspected problems.

There was the dangerous near-diplomatic incident of the silhouettes. Rumour had it that Princess Elizabeth's wedding dress had been given by silhouettes—(silhouettes, or even Japanese. France calls new fashions and clothes until at last they are firmly established. The Queen's wedding dress was Chinese. But

There was the Dress that was Never Worn... pearl-grey satin embroidered with pearls made for the Queen Mother. A detailed description was published the day she was to wear it. Hartnell was sent for. The King lectured him sternly. The dress was returned, unworn.

I have watched the scene on so many splendid royal occasions building up like the finale of a pageant.

Each star turns up, more breathtaking than the last... Gloria Swanson all white fox and pearls... Claudette Colbert covered in brown lace and mink... then Bing Crosby the whole Royal Family dressed in black and shimmering with diamonds.

AND LUCK

I WATCHED it at the Coronation, beginning quietly with the elegant Duchess of Kent in a slender white satin dress... building up to a crescendo of loveliness... Princess Margaret like a snowdrop, adrift from its stem... the Queen Mother trailing gold... and then the Queen, in the loveliest dress of all.

Of course luck comes into the success story too. In Norman Hartnell the Royal Family found exactly the right dress designer. But in them he found exactly the right clients.

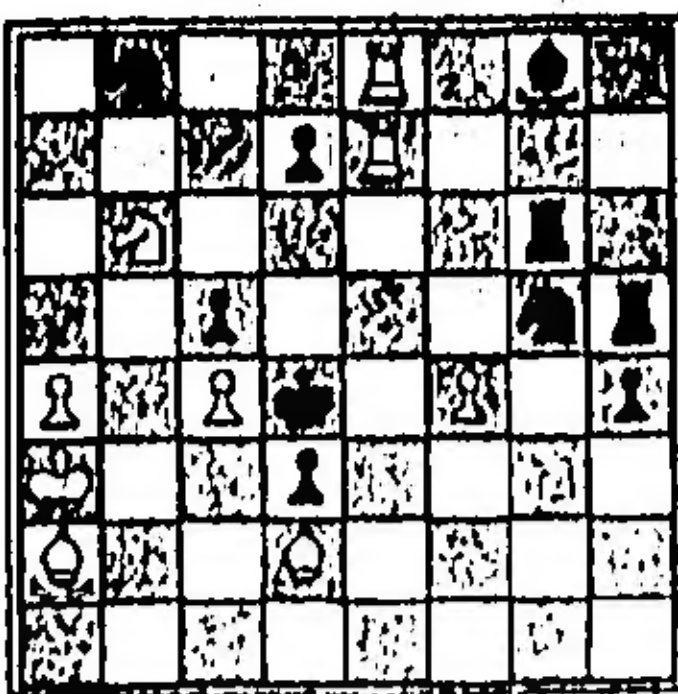
It was luck that they should never so well the type of clothes exactly the right dress designer. But he had the right dressmaker. Put he had the right client.

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CHESS PROBLEM

By A. GRINBLAT
Black, 10 pieces.

White, 9 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. BxP, any; 2. B (d4 ch, or d4 ch), or Kt mates.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bridge Odds Favour
Safety

By OSWALD JACOBY

"PLEASE settle a dispute on bridge percentage," requests a Toronto correspondent. "I played the accompanying hand at three no-trump and managed to go down in glorious fashion. Nevertheless, I am convinced my play was theoretically correct."

"West led the five of hearts, I put up the queen from dummy, and East held the trick with his king. East returned the jack of hearts, and I took my ace for four of a shift to spades. West played the deuce of hearts, thus showing a five-card suit."

"I now assumed that West was likely to be short in diamonds. If he led a diamond to the king and finessed the ten of diamonds on the way back, West won with the jack of diamonds and took the hearts and the top spades."

"Naturally, everybody was kind enough to point out that the jack of diamonds would have dropped, and that I would have made my contract if I hadn't finessed. But I still

NORTH			
♠ 743			
♥ 108752			
♦ 4			
♣ 1094			
EAST			
♠ J109			
♥ KJ8			
♦ 8875			
♣ 872			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ Q52			
♥ A63			
♦ A103			
♣ AK			
North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 5			

maintain that West figured to be short in diamonds once he showed up with long hearts. And that case my finesse had a better chance than playing for the jack to drop.

"Regardless of result, was my argument a good one?"

No, I hate to disagree with a player who is thoughtful enough to take distribution into account, but the facts compel me to do so.

If you didn't know anything about the hearts, the correct play in diamonds would be a toss-up. You have about an even chance to bring in four diamonds, whether you rely on a finesse or whether you try to drop the jack in the first three rounds. These odds remain roughly the same despite the 3-3 break in hearts. In general, normal breaks don't have a big effect on the odds, and the heart break is perfectly normal in this hand.

The important thing is that South will go down only one trick if he plays for a drop in diamonds, but he goes down three tricks if he takes the finesse and loses it. Since the two lines of play are just about equal, the sensible course is to adopt the less risky line.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: West North East South
1 Heart 1 Spade Pass ?
You, South, hold:
♠ K97 ♥ Q632 ♦ K64 ♣ Q35
What do you do?
A—Pass. Your partner's simple overcall shows only a fair hand, so your side can have no game.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ K97 ♥ Q632 ♦ K64 ♣ Q35
What do you do?

This Funny World



10-24
"Wonderful lighter! Look—absolutely windproof!"
McNought Brothers, Inc.
Q American Legion Magazine

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

BORN today, you will be wise, the stars indicate, not to embark upon new projects on your birthday as it is another one of those days when the signs are more than a little mixed up. However, there is that element of genius bequeathed to you today which, no doubt, is to compensate for the hard road to fame and success which each daughter or son of this day is signified to travel. Your interests are mainly artistic and if these tendencies are thwarted, frustration and unhappiness may be in store for you.

It is just possible that you may not "find yourself," as the saying is, until the latter half of your life. You are an idealist and find it difficult to be satisfied with anything second-rate. If you are thrust into unhappy surroundings, it may take time and initiative for you to break out and make your way on your own. Once you have accomplished this, you anticipate fine rewards.

Your intuitions are exceptionally keen. You are deeply affectionate but dissatisfied to show your emotions. Suggesting there is a good! Develop your natural personality for the best happiness. Sensitivity and tact, if you can, are your greatest assets. Consequently, your feelings are often needlessly hurt. Unless you can find someone whom you believe approaches your true idea, you might never wed.

Among those born on this date are: Rudolph F. and Pietro M. (actors), Willis (actor), and Heywood Brown, authors; Fay Bainter, actress; Michael (actor); H. H. Cullough, statesman; Elizabeth H. Whitby, poet.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

SAURURUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Investigate most thoroughly any new opportunity offered to make sure it is something you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20)—It is not always polite to insist upon having your own way. Sometimes you can gain more by giving in a little.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—The unexpected may change your plans, so be prepared to act accordingly at a moment's notice.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Keep a careful check on those treacherous emotions! In romance, be sure you know where you are going.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Fact will be the most efficient method of trying to put your new ideas across. Arbitrary force will fail.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—An important job is finished. Then when work is done, you can play.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You must let things work out normally. Don't do too much pushing or you will actually impede progress.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Be very clear in everything you say so that no one can misconstrue what you say to cause misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—Promotions in keeping engagements with important people is necessary if you are to hold their interest and respect.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—New ideas that have been hovering in the near consciousness should be developed constructively today.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Investigate very carefully a business scheme proposed by a friend before you invest any time or money in it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Keep all appointments promptly and

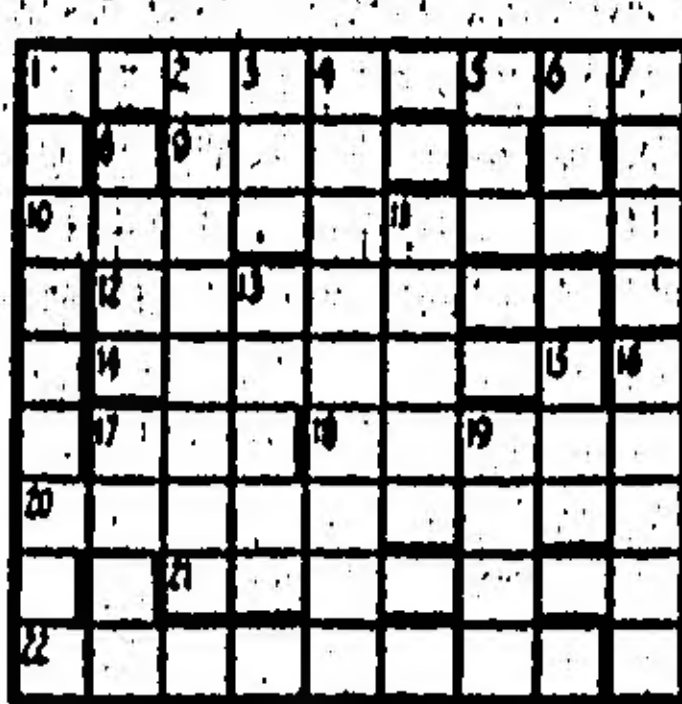
TARGET

T	S	B
O	A	M
C	B	I

How many words of four letters can you make from the letters in the square on the right? The letters are: T, S, B, O, A, M, C, B, I. The letters are arranged in a 3x3 square.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: The answer was: T, S, B, O, A, M, C, B, I. The letters are arranged in a 3x3 square.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Such a marriage is considered likely to be a success. (4)
5. Eggheads. (6)
10. Want (verb). (5, 4)
12. It makes a good watch dog. (7)
14. A naval officer in wait. (7)
17. Partner of brass. (3)
18. "And now I am the ruler of the Queen's." (5)
20. Land of Nod. (4)
21. Serpentine moving. (7)
22. Every salad should have some of it. (6)

Down
1. Wind model. (5-5)
2. Thirsty sound by vovs. (8)
3. Lady No. 1. (3)
4. November 13. (3)
6. Everybody stops for it. (3)
7. Fish in the middle of the snaker. (6)
8. Canterbury cathedral. (4)
9. Backwards. (3)
10. Daniel went. (3)
11. Five alpha. (5)
12. A pledge. (3)
13. A brother. (3)
14. No good in this. (4)

Answers to the crossword puzzle.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

As the London traffic slows to a permanent halt a really comfortable car should help to solve the housing difficulties.

Very soon house agents will begin to advertise commodious residential cars, standing in their own park, with water and light laid on. Car manufacturers, if they are ahead, will begin to think less of speed and more of a homely interior. A car needed only for vacant possession, if it ever had to be shifted, could be towed by a horse far more quickly than it could move under its own power. In time there will be no need for a petrol engine or any other elaborate machinery, and the new streets on the edge of London will consist of two rows of parked cars, each named and numbered. Then everybody will be able to boast that he has a house and a car.

The haunted oven

A COOK who wrote to her M.P. because her pie always came out of the oven covered with dust, is probably a rare case of psychosis. It is really more a matter of cleanliness than for doctors, and has nothing to do with that curious state in which every time a man winds a clock his shoes fill slowly with sand. It is psychic, said a

well-known gas-inspector, "and has nothing to do with the oven as such." He then placed his hat in the oven and baked it. When withdrawn, it had no dust on it.

Nothing to do with me

READING of a country house with eight bathrooms. I recall the tale of the madly enriched man who went to look over a large property. When the agent said, "And six bathrooms, this man replied, 'What a filthy dirty family they must have been.' Which leads to the story of the lady who was negotiating for an Italian car by telephone. "Has it got a luggage?" she asked. "Only Mrs. Summerville in the back bedroom," replied the agent.

The market for worms

IT is reported that the export trade was caught badly unprepared by an order for 200,000 worms for an American angling concern. A worm-collector said, "We cannot collect as many as that without robbing gardens and, indirectly, birds." There's no stockpile of worms—draw on, and in the richest worm area, round Hemel Hempstead, the creatures run almost wild, owing to the ban on fishing in the neighbourhood.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Was It Really A Genie?

—Knarf And Judy Didn't Wait To Find Out—

By MAX TRELL

"AND so," said Mr Punch to the arm. "Come to the attic, please. There's an old oil lamp up there. It must be the one I'm looking for!" Judy thought it was a foolish idea, but she went.

Sure enough, standing on top of an old trunk was an old-fashioned oil lamp that had once belonged to grandmother. It was covered with a thick layer of dust. Knarf ran up and took it. "I'm going to rub it, Judy! Now you'll see the genie come!"

"Nonsense," said Judy. "There's no such thing as a genie!"

"Just the same you'd better be ready to ask him whatever you want. Here I go!"

The attic was unusually still at that moment, or so it seemed as Knarf took the handkerchief out of his pocket and began carefully rubbing the lamp.

A puff of smoke

Suppose it really was another Aladdin's lamp, thought Knarf. Suppose a genie really did appear in a puff of smoke and said: "I am the genie of the lamp, master! Your wish is my command!"

All at once, as Knarf was rubbing the lamp, a strange thing happened. Something creaked.

"What are you doing, dear?" she finally asked.

Knarf said: "I don't see why I can't find another lamp like the one Aladdin had. I'd like to have a genie come and bring me whatever I want such as a bicycle, a space-patrol ship, a pair of wings, and a barrel of ice cream—chocolate ice cream."

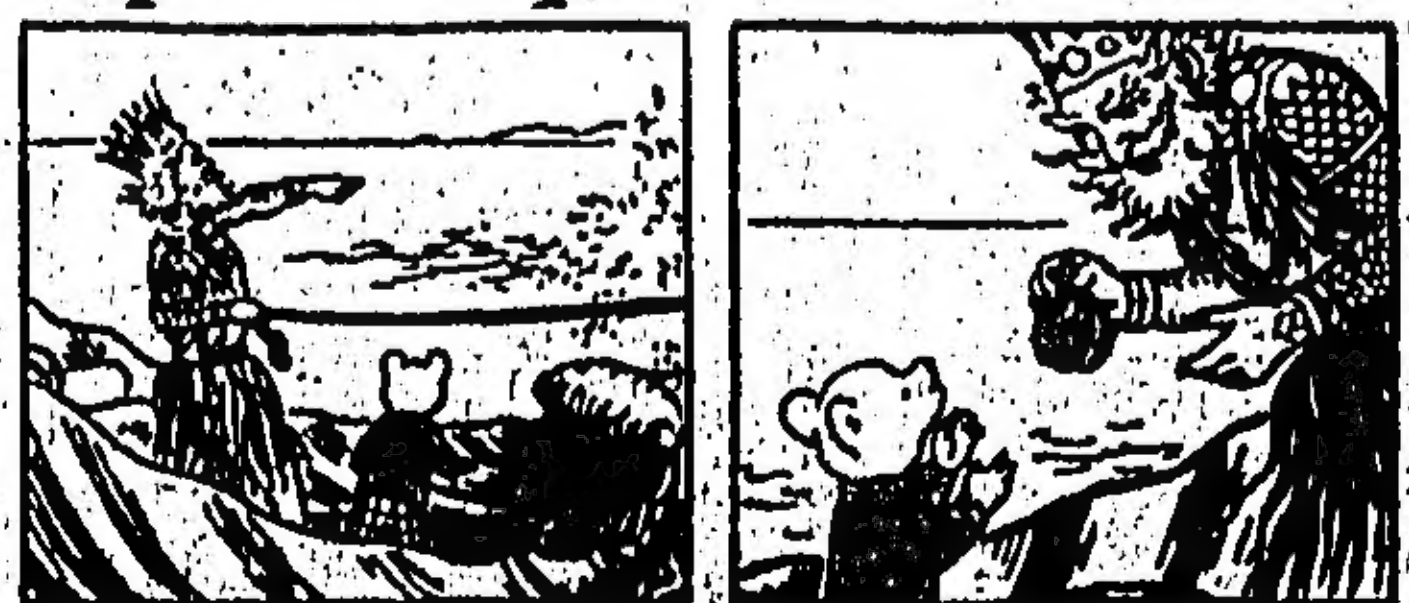
Wasting Time

"Here, you better stop wasting your time," Judy said in a sharp voice which made her sound as if she knew what she was talking about. "Nobody can find another lamp like Aladdin's. Anyway, I'm sure it isn't to be found in this house. All our lamps have electricity in them!"

"What difference does that make?" Knarf asked.

"Aladdin had an oil lamp," replied Judy. "That's the kind it has to be."

Rupert's Deep Sea Adventure—45



Rupert is nearly breathless from the great speed at which the big shell has travelled. "Again without warning, Rupert, Nipper, and the other boys and girls, they were in another part of the sea. There is your little bear," he says. "Now I must just go. I have never been so fast before."



Knarf found an oil lamp on top of an old trunk.

From behind the trunk something black sprang up. Judy gasped: "Oh! Knarf dropped the lamp!"

Then Knarf and Judy both ran down the stairs as fast as they could and hid behind Mr Punch. "We saw the genie of the lamp!" Knarf explained. But Mr Punch wouldn't believe them.

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WOMANSENSE

Spring, Summer Styles On Show In London



Britons are wincing under the blast of wintry winds, but winter is the time when dress designers fetch out their spring and summer styles. Three of those displayed in London recently are pictured here.
Left: A navy-blue faced silk suit with loose jacket from the "Maita" collection.
Centre: "Salgon"—a dress and mandarin-style coat in white embroidered navy grosgrain from the Harry B. Popper collection.
Right: A white and china blue cotton dress with a feathered hat—another model from the "Maita" collection.—Express.

Chromium-Plated Aluminium Heels For Winter Shoes

CHROMIUM-PLATED aluminium has joined perspex as one of the latest materials to be used for the new extremely thin, high heels on shoes for wear this winter.

Hitherto it has been considered impossible to chromium plate aluminium. But a Bristol firm of shoemakers founded 90 years ago by the father of the present head, Robert Hutchings, has discovered someone with the secret.

Robert's son, Anthony, who now designs the shoes made by the firm, has incorporated these slender, spike, aluminium heels into his new range of shoes for the winter.

Only this firm uses this heel, and it is at present being made exclusively for it. Many times stronger than its counterpart in leather, it is also lighter.

This firm claims at least two other "firsts" in the history of shoe manufacture since its

foundation in 1859: it used the first welding machine to be imported into England; and it made the first pair of reptile skin shoes.

Sole leather used for its shoes is still tanned by pure oak bark and immersion in pits for a period of from ten to 15 months. Although its output is small by comparison with that of many of the large mass production companies, it exports considerable numbers of shoes to the United States, Canada and Australia.

Grandfather Hutchings began work as a boy apprentice at the age of 14. Four years later, at the age of 18, he started his own firm—and got married on the same day. His son, Robert, also got married at 18, and now has two sons, Anthony and George, in the business with him.

Another new development, also in leather fashion accessories, comes from another long

established firm in the west of England—Pittards of Yeovil. Last year, Pittards introduced really washable glove leather, with a guarantee of durability and colour stability. Now, after years of experiment, they have perfected a process which produces leather absolutely free from dust.

No longer need any woman wearing light gloves with a dark suit, coat or dress fear that tell-tale whitish powder which spoils the smart ensemble. Nor, if she wears dark or coloured gloves to contrast with dry or evening clothes, will she find her hands coloured on removing her gloves.

Swandie suede and swanlike glove kid are now being dyed to the exact shades of the fabrics being used by manufacturers to make their models for next spring. There should, therefore, be no difficulty in matching up ensembles at the turn of the season—and both the suede and the kid are dust-free.—China Mail Special.

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ELECTRONIC RANGE DOES WONDERS

COOK ON A COOL STOVE

New York.
BAKE a cake in a cold oven in six minutes. Broil bacon on a paper plate in seconds. Heat coffee directly in the cup.

These are some of the feats promised by an electronic stove available for the home for the first time.

The range, which looks like an oven is called by its manufacturer, Tappan of Mansfield, O., "the most revolutionary development in home cooking since the introduction of electricity."

Demonstrated in New York recently, the stove baked a potato in five minutes, broiled the bacon on a paper plate in two minutes, and turned out a five-pound beef roast in 30 minutes.

And the stove never got hot to the touch! The manufacturer explained that the range cooks by microwaves, the same type of energy which transmits the ultra-high frequency signal on a television set.

COOL SAUCER

Since the heat is generated in food itself, temperature controls on the range are eliminated; the range and the utensils in it do not get hot, and once the housewife sets a timer dial, the food automatically selects its own cooking or baking temperature.

The range can be installed as a built-in unit or stacked on cabinets as modular unit. A coil element in the top of the oven browns the top of meats, casseroles or breads.

The manufacturer installed test ranges in kitchens of several Mansfield homemakers for a year before the stove came to market. One of the homemakers was Mrs. David Rainey, mother of three school-age children, who amazed her neighbours by the way she served coffee at morning gab fests.

She poured coffee into a cup, set cup and saucer in the oven to heat and pulled them from the oven without a pot-holder. The coffee was hot, the saucer cool.

"It took me a long time to convince my guests the cup was safe to the touch," she said.—United Press.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Better Than Hendon?

Sir.—Rarely have I seen such a piece of unfair and misleading reporting as I. M. MacTavish's article about the Ferroviario soccer team from Lourenço Marques, Mozambique.

This disturbing report underscores the fact that they, the visitors, "were far removed from the standard of teams like Grasshopper, Admira, AIK or Djurgården."

I certainly agree with Mr. MacTavish on this point but I am sure that the "famous article" will also agree with me that Ferroviario was a much better side than "Hendon" or "Pegasus."

MacTAVISH, no doubt, is a good soccer critic but I really wonder why HE DID NOT occupy his time to write about movies?

From my personal point of view I really can not understand what was bugging MacTAVISH when he wrote such "remarkable" and "spiteful" nonsense.

If there is a NOBLE PRIZE for journalists I really hope that MacTAVISH will receive it.

TAVISHmac

Simple Amateurs

Sir.—For those who have seen both football games played in Hongkong last week-end between Hongkong and the Portuguese team from Mozambique, will certainly consider the article written by I. M. MacTAVISH rather unfair. No doubt the critics have the right to express in words what they think, but let's not forget that the public have the right to appreciate it.

To compare the standard of a football team from a club, as he says: "The visitors were nothing more than a very ordinary club side" to those as Grasshopper, Admira, AIK and Djurgården, it doesn't seem to be written by someone who suppose to have a full knowledge of the matter. The Mozambique players are simple amateurs and those mentioned are almost professionals. Such a comparison could only be made by I. M. MacTAVISH.

Besides, those paragraphs with so many references (oh mamma!) does not make clear the ideas, shouldn't they be finished?

The results of 2-1 and 1-1 by no means can put far away the standard of the visitors from the Hongkong football. I am sure any honest man will consider both levels rather close.

Coming to the point of "verdict" I would appreciate to know the "verdict" of I. M. MacTavish if we were on a trial of Hongkong's second goal in the first game. A good judgment will say "clear and distinctive off-side". First witness: the linesman who did wave the flag.

The public always likes a good and neutral press attitude towards everything and not one full of sarcasm and unfinished phrases.

I am sure I. M. MacTavish forgot that this time Hongkong is playing host.

HONEST JOE

Vote Of Confidence

Sir.—Re your Dec. 5 article "The Invidious Soccer Was Quite Unworthy Of The Great New Stadium" I would like to cast a vote of confidence for I. M. MacTAVISH.

I sincerely believe that he is what we need: honest, outspoken, and I find it difficult not to consider him as a great soccer critic.

JOHNNY GUITAR

(These letters are selected from quite a large number that have been received from readers in Macau on the subject of the MacTAVISH report on the two matches of the Clube Ferroviario de Mozambique in Hongkong.—Sports Ed.)

Espinosa Is Still Leading Contender For Flyweight Title

New York, Dec. 6. Leo Espinosa (Philippines) remains as leading contender for the World Flyweight title held by Pascual Perez (Argentina), according to the monthly boxing ratings of "The Ring" magazine.

For Tokyo, Marciano's Heavyweight title Archie Moore (United States), the last beaten challenger, retains first place. Bob Baker (United States) and Nino Valdes (Cuba) who are to fight in Cleveland tomorrow, are second and third respectively.

Yolande Pompey (Trinidad) is third contender for Archie Moore's Light-heavyweight title. Floyd Patterson and Willie Pastrano are second and third.

Young Martin (Spain) is third second and Danny Kid (Philippines) third in the Flyweight Division. Danny Campo (Philippines) is sixth.

Flash Florio (Philippines) drops one place to tenth among the Featherweights.

Hiroshi Mitsu (Japan) is replaced by Guy Schatz (France) in the list of Flyweights.—Reuter.



By inviting the cricketers of Army North and South 'A' teams to fill the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week we acknowledge the continued success of two groups of men who have, by their skill and effort, developed a keen sense of team spirit without ever losing the vital sparks of individuality and initiative which are so necessary in the short matches they have to play in the Colony League.

Both teams are producing attractive cricket and while they are certainly winning they are doing so without even the most nominal infringement of the traditional code of sportsmanship so closely associated with the game.

There is always some risk in selecting individuals who are members of successful teams for special mention, but without a doubt there are several outstanding personalities in both the Army teams at the present time.

South, current League leaders with an enviable 100 per cent record, owe a great deal to the devastating bowling of speed merchant Nash whose 6 for 13 at this week-end was a top class performance no matter how it is viewed. Nash, who was unfortunate to have an injury of different spell in the immediate pre-Malaya period, is a great hearted player and a great asset to the side.

OPENING PAIR

The opening pair of Withall and Bedson is always liable to set a sound foundation for a big score, and further down the list there are other prolific run-getters at skipper Peter Chubb's call.

North have a couple of grand bowlers in big Jim Lipscombe and Greenhalgh and the pair of them made short work of Craigengower CC at the week-end when between them they captured all 10 wickets. Greenhalgh's 6 for 23 was a very fine effort indeed.

Recent games have shown that there is an abundance of runs in the side and several potential high scorers among the batsmen. Major Pat Howard Dobson is having a good season both as captain and with the bat, and his confident and judicious handling of the team has contributed much to its continued success.

The position as far as the two teams are concerned is most intriguing. South have a 100 per cent record, while North's only defeat was at the hands of their soldier colleagues early in the season. Speculation is rife as to the outcome of their second meeting in the League and it is quite impossible for even the most expert of cricketers to forecast with any accuracy how the game will end.

This is all for the good of cricket, both in the Army and in the League, and is one more justification of the decision to enter two teams in the Senior competition.

Boxing comes back into the general news this week with the announcement that the boys from 74 LAA Regt RA will be in action against strong opposition at the Missions to Seamen on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Gunners are still very much an unknown quantity in the Colony ring, but there is every reason to believe that they are well able to take over where their fighting predecessors—72 LAA Regt. left off.

A FINE GOAL

Army soccer players McInnes, Morris and White have the honour of being the first service players to play football at the new Hongkong Stadium. All three were in the Hongkong Selection against the Lourenço Marques side on Sunday and White had the additional pleasure of scoring a fine goal.

McInnes had a particularly good game but Morris and White, who had both played well in the first half, suffered in the general decline that hit the play after the interval.

The following paragraph from Joe Hulme's column in the "People" of November 27 will be of interest to many Army and Colony soccer followers.

"It was day and night treatment for Southampton. Inside left Derek Reeves to get him ready for the replay with Crystal Palace—and I do mean day and night. But Derek says the effort was worth it. He banged in the goal which helped his side into the next round. Incidentally Derek's old boss, Chelsea, chief Ted Drake, was at Southampton having a look at him."

Derek was of course one of the star members of the brilliant Army team of two years ago and played in the All-Hongkong side on several big occasions.

DISAPPOINTMENT

There is some disappointment in the small number of

entries for the Colony 10 Miles Road Race. This is usually one of the most popular events of the winter season and it is hoped that those who are keen to compete will get their entries in as soon as possible.

Army soccer players and officials are finding plenty of interest—and something to argue about—in the new "Whistler's Wisdom" feature in Rediffusion's "Voice of Sport" programme every Saturday. Topical problems in a local setting are being set to test the listener's knowledge of the laws of the game, and it was a surprise to hear that not a single correct solution was received to last week's penalty kick teaser which was set around Army players Morris and Chesterton.

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday next is a big day for soldier athletes for the Colony and Land Forces Cross Country Championships will be run at San Wal starting at 3 o'clock.

The final position as regards entries is as follows—Colony Championships only—three entries (SCAA, Army and Royal Navy).

Colony and Major Unit Championships—10 entries; Colony and Minor Units—three; Major Units Championship only—two; Minor Units Championship only—six.

In the Colony Individual Championship six runners (one civilian and five Army) who are not members of a team will be competing; two individuals will compete for both the Colony and Land Forces Championships; and 11 will be running in the Land Forces event only.

These individuals are, of course, the various teams who will be reckoned for team and individual events.

This looks like being a great day and with 270 runners in the field it will also be a most impressive sight.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the control and recording of the proceedings and if you want to go out into the country to see what is happening suitable trains will leave Kowloon at 11.25 a.m., 12.35 and 2.17 p.m. Trains will leave Fanling after the race at 4.34 and 5.49 p.m.

TONIGHT'S RUGGER

Army rugby enthusiasts are living in eager anticipation of the big match at the Club Stadium tonight when the conquering Gunners tackle the rest of the Army.

The match which is due to start at 6.30 p.m. and which will of course be played under floodlights, has caught the fancy of those who follow the game, and while the spectators who turn up may not be considered a big crowd by soccer standards, it is certain that they will get the chance to make themselves heard, and knowing rugby fans from previous games I am certain they will make the most of the opportunity.

Admission to the game is \$2.40 but service personnel will be admitted for \$1.20 on proof of identity.

The next in the series of Sunday morning athletic meetings at Caroline Hill will take place on Sunday next at 10 a.m. The events at this session will be 100 Metres, 800 Metres, 5,000 Metres and Discus Throw for men and 400 Metres and High Jump for ladies.

As is usual in these meetings there will be no entry fee and no prizes. It is expected that several spiders will take part.

The two hockey matches played at Meaco on Sunday were, according to an eye witness, first rate affairs. Army 'B' had enough chances to win and were a shade unlucky to go down by the only goal scored.

The 'A' team played quite well but in the end they were outclassed and the score of 5-1 in favour of the home side did not flatter the winners.

The trip, and the games, were enjoyed by all who made the journey and the new traditional hospitality of our near neighbours was again very much in evidence.

MY BOXING SECRETS

CONTINUING THE STORY NEVER TOLD BEFORE

THE NIGHT JOCK McAVOY ASKED US: WHO IS THIS NEW MAN MILLS?

By JOHNNY BEST

They still talk about that little theatre in the West End of London—the one that never closed. Well, Liverpool Stadium never closed either, although many a time I despaired of ever keeping the fight game alive during the war.

We carried one fight though in the open air at Anfield, the Liverpool FC ground, while all hell was being let loose over Liverpool. And we survived a direct hit on the stadium itself.

Let me tell you about that Anfield fight. Eric Boon, the Chatteris blacksmith, was Lightweight Champion and Ernie Roderick was king of the West. At the time—this was 1940—I had the idea of a battle of Champions. The match was agreed.

Roderick well won a hard, punishing fight—you will recall what a puncher Boon was at his best—but the actual contest in the ring was not the only item on the programme.

ENEMY ABOVE

The fight had hardly started when the "alert" siren went, and immediately the guns started to lay their puffs of black smoke around the tiny specks in the sky that were enemy aircraft.

There were one or two anxious looks overhead from among the 9,000-odd spectators, but all that stopped when a loud Liverpool voice sounded out, even above the constant barking of the guns: "Ach, ignore them!"

Jack Solomons, who was handling Boon in those days, and Eugene Henderson, who was handling the fight, both questioned should we stop it. I said: "Yes, if we get a direct hit!" The fight went on.

So far as I know, the only one of the 5,000 who left the ground was a middle-aged lady, and she probably had a train to catch.

Johnny Best smiles reminiscently and delves deeper into his war-time memories. It's bad enough trying to find fighters and make matches nowadays, when I have my bones around me to help, but you must remember that in those days of the war all three of them were away and I had to do most of the organising myself.

DIRECT HIT

Transport was very difficult, and five miles to the stadium office, and then when I got there that the overnight blitz had put not only my telephones but all the telephones in the area out of order.

When there was no telephone available, I had to sort of transport and travel around the Army and RAF camps in the area seeking out boys who would make up my Thursday night bills, for no matter what happened, these Thursday night shows had to go on!

I arrived one morning, for a moment, just that at last the break had come—the break in a continuity of which we were so proud. In the overnight raid the stadium had been hit direct.

Luckily, the bomb passed between our grounds and the bombed itself in the deep earth of the old graveyard before it exploded. Otherwise it would have blown the whole place to smithereens.

As it was, it tore up about 20 tons of earth out of a 10ft.



JOHNNY BEST

crater, shattered every piece of glass in the roof and doors, and, probably as some kind of judgment, blew the Press seats up on to the top of the girders.

My manager, Benny Carter, and I got as many of the boxing boys as we could find, and with shovels and wheelbarrows—you couldn't get hired labour for love or money—we worked all night and through the next day.

We replaced the glass with sheets of tin that lasted us all through the war—and the Thursday night show went on as usual. No, we never closed.

This is said not so much on a note of self-congratulation but rather in tribute to the loyalty of the boxing fans he believes sincerely to be the best in the world. He goes on...

How these people came along to the stadium in these conditions was about as fantastic as my job in arranging fights for them. How they found their way up here, always in black-out and sometimes in almost-impossible snow, will never cease to astonish me. Sometimes only a handful of them would make it—but there was always a handful at least.

WE TOOK £17

One night we took £17! But that didn't kill our determination to keep the game going in Liverpool.

Strangely enough, out of all this chaos and queuing and wheelbarrowing and chasing came—fighters.

Nel Tarleton was in the RAF, but his brother, George, had a boy called Basil McInnes. I'd matched McInnes for one of my Thursday night shows, but just before the off it was apparent that, because of all the travel difficulties, his opponent wasn't going to make it.

We always had spare boys hanging around the stadium and I pointed out three of them to McInnes and told him: "Pick one of those lads. They're all willing to have a go."

McInnes looked them over and then indicated one, a sailor in uniform. "He'll do," he said, and I told the sailor to get stripped. He climbed into the ring and about Basil from the first bell, and never stopped.

Two Former Hongkong Army Athletes In Training For The Olympic Winter Games

Two Army athletes well known to followers of athletics in Hongkong are in a party of 21 Army athletes in training at Lillehammer, Norway, for the British Olympic Langlauf team that has been entered for the Seventh Winter Olympic Games at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, in January.

They are Capt. R. A. F. Reep of the Dorset Regiment and Lt. Aubrey Fielder, late of the 14 Field Regiment, RA. Bob Reep was well known in Hongkong as a high and low hurdler and pole vaulter and was Colony Champion in the 400 Metres Hurdles in 1954. Lt. Fielder often competed in Hongkong in the Half Mile and Mile.

The trainees at Lillehammer have been picked on their performance since 1948 in the Annual Army Langlauf Championships. They are being trained by a Norwegian coach, Christian Ekwelle. From these trainees teams will be selected to represent Great Britain at the Winter Olympics in the 4,000, 8,000, 15,000, 30,000, 50,000, 100,000, 150,000, 200,000, 250,000, 300,000, 350,000, 400,000, 450,000, 500,000, 550,000, 600,000, 650,000, 700,000, 750,000, 800,000, 850,000, 900,000, 950,000, 1,000,000, 1,050,000, 1,100,000, 1,150,000, 1,200,000, 1,250,000, 1,300,000, 1,350,000, 1,400,000, 1,450,000, 1,500,000, 1,550,000, 1,600,000, 1,650,000, 1,700,000, 1,750,000, 1,800,000, 1,850,000, 1,900,000, 1,950,000, 2,000,000, 2,050,000, 2,100,000, 2,150,000, 2,200,000, 2,250,000, 2,300,000, 2,350,000, 2,400,000, 2,450,000, 2,500,000, 2,550,000, 2,600,000, 2,650,000, 2,700,000, 2,750,000, 2,800,000, 2,850,000, 2,900,000, 2,950,000, 3,000,000, 3,050,000, 3,100,000, 3,150,000, 3,200,000, 3,250,000, 3,300,000, 3,350,000, 3,400,000, 3,450,000, 3,500,000, 3,550,000, 3,600,000, 3,650,000, 3,700,000, 3,750,000, 3,800,000, 3,850,000, 3,900,000, 3,950,000, 4,000,000, 4,050,000, 4,100,000, 4,150,000, 4,200,000, 4,250,000, 4,300,000, 4,350,000, 4,400,000, 4,450,000, 4,500,000, 4,550,000, 4,600,000, 4,650,000, 4,700,000, 4,750,000, 4,800,000, 4,850,000, 4,900,000, 4,950,000, 5,000,000, 5,050,000, 5,100,000, 5,150,000, 5,200,000, 5,250,000, 5,300,000, 5,350,000, 5,400,000, 5,450,000, 5,500,000, 5,550,000, 5,600,000, 5,650,000, 5,700,000, 5,750,000, 5,800,000, 5,850,000, 5,900,000, 5,950,000, 6,000,000, 6,050,000, 6,100,000, 6,150,000, 6,200,000, 6,250,000, 6,300,000, 6,350,000, 6,400,000, 6,450,000, 6,500,000, 6,550,000, 6,600,000, 6,650,000, 6,700,000, 6,750,000, 6,800,000, 6,850,000, 6,900,000, 6,950,000, 7,000,000, 7,050,000, 7,100,000, 7,150,000, 7,200,000, 7,250,000, 7,300,000, 7,350,000, 7,400,000, 7,450,000, 7,500,000, 7,550,000, 7,600,000, 7,650,000, 7,700,000, 7,750,000, 7,800,000, 7,850,000, 7,900,000, 7,950,000, 8,000,000, 8,050,000, 8,100,000, 8,150,000, 8,200,000, 8,250,000, 8,300,000, 8,350,000, 8,400,000, 8,450,000, 8,500,000, 8,550,000, 8,600,000, 8,650,000, 8,700,000, 8,750,000, 8,800,000, 8,850,000, 8,900,000, 8,950,000, 9,000,000, 9,050,000, 9,100,000, 9,150,000, 9,200,000, 9,250,000, 9,300,000, 9,350,000, 9,400,000, 9,450,000, 9,500,000, 9,550,000, 9,600,000, 9,650,000, 9,700,000, 9,750,000, 9,800,000, 9,850,000, 9,900,000, 9,950,000, 10,000,000, 10,050,000, 10,100,000, 10,150,000, 10,200,000, 10,250,000, 10,300,000, 10,350,000, 10,400,000, 10,450,000, 10,500,000, 10,550,000, 10,600,000, 10,650,000, 10,700,000, 10,750,000, 10,800,000, 10,850,000, 10,900,000, 10,950,000, 11,000,000, 11,050,000, 11,100,000, 11,150,000, 11,200,000, 11,250,000, 11,300,000, 11,350,000, 11,400,000, 11,450,000, 11,500,000, 11,550,000, 11,600,000, 11,650,000, 11,700,000, 11,750,000, 11,800,000, 11,850,000, 11,900,000, 11,950,000, 12,000,000, 12,050,000, 12,100,000, 12,150,000, 12,200,000, 12,250,000, 12,300,000, 12,350,000, 12,400,000, 12,450,000, 12,500,000, 12,550,000, 12,600,000, 12,650,000, 12,700,000, 12,750,000, 12,800,000, 12,850,000, 12,900,000, 12,950,000, 13,000,000, 13,050,000, 13,100,000, 13,150,000, 13,200,000, 13,250,000, 13,300,000, 13,350,000, 13,400,000, 13,450,000, 13,500,000, 13,550,000, 13,600,000, 13,650,000, 13,700,000, 13,750,000, 13,800,000, 13,850,000, 13,900,000, 13,950,000, 14,000,000, 14,050,000, 14,100,000, 14,150,000, 14,200,000, 14,250,000, 14,300,000, 14,350,000, 14,400,000, 14,450,000, 14,500,000, 14,550,000, 14,600,000, 14,650,000, 14,700,000, 14,750,000, 14,800,000, 14,850,000, 14,900,000, 14,950,000, 15,000,000, 15,050,000, 15,100,000, 15,150,000, 15,200,000, 15,250,000, 15,300,000, 15,350,000, 15,400,000, 15,450,000, 15,500,000, 15,550,000, 15,600,000, 15,650,000, 15,700,000, 15,750,000, 15,800,000, 15,850,000, 15,900,000, 15,950,000, 16,000,000, 16,050,000, 16,100,000, 16,150,000, 16,200,000, 16,250,000, 16,300,000, 16,350,000, 16,400,000, 16,450,000, 16,500,000, 16,550,000, 16,600,000, 16,650,000, 16,700,000, 16,750,000, 16,800,000, 16,850,000, 16,900,000, 16,950,000, 17,000,000, 17,050,000, 17,100,000, 17,150,000, 17,200,000, 17,250,000, 17,300,000, 17,350,000, 17,400,000, 17,450,000, 17,500,000, 17,550,000, 17,600,000, 17,650,000, 17,700,000, 17,750,000, 17,800,000, 17,850,000, 17,900,000, 17,950,000, 18,000,000, 18,050,000, 18,100,000, 18,150,000, 18,200,000, 18,250,000, 18,300,000, 18,350,000, 18,400,000, 18,450,000, 18,500,000, 18,550,000, 18,600,000, 18,650,000, 18,700,000, 18,750,000, 18,800,000, 18,850,000, 18,900,000, 18,950,000, 19,000,000, 19,050,000, 19,100,000, 19,150,000, 19,200,000, 19,250,000, 19,300,000, 19,350,000, 19,400,000, 19,450,000, 19,500,000, 19,550,000, 19,600,000, 19,650,000, 19,700,000, 19,750,000, 19,800,000, 19,850,000, 19,900,000, 19,950,000, 20,000,000, 20,050,000, 20,100,000, 20,150,000, 20,200,000, 20,250,000, 2

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Ms. Helen Margaret.

DEATHS

KW—Jewell, widow of the late
C. H. Jewell, died at her resi-
dence on December 7, 1955.
Funeral will be held at 4 p.m.
(Thursday).

MUNT—Harold Quentin (son of De-
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FOR WHOM SHOULD THE
BELL TOLL?
Italian Mayor
Versus Priest

Rome, Dec. 6.

Italy's Supreme Court is to settle a long-standing quarrel between a Catholic parish priest and the Communist mayor of Correggio, who want to know once and for all for whom their big bell rings.

Correggio is in the Communist belt of north central Italy not far from the scene of the feud between the imaginary characters, "Don Camillo," the fighting parish priest, and "Peppone," the Communist mayor, made famous by the book of Giovanni Guareschi and the films starring the French comedian, Fernandel.

Don Bruno Corradi, the fighting parish priest of a Communist-dominated Correggio, has already lost his case twice against the Mayor, Signor Rodolfo Zanicchi. The tribunal of Reggio Emilia and the Appeal Court of Bologna have already ruled that both the Church and the municipal authorities are entitled to use the big bell for their respective purposes, and that neither party may prevent the other from ringing it whenever it sees fit.

Church Blessing

The two and a half ton bronze bell has hung for the past 250 years in the municipal tower next to the Church of Saint Quirinus. It is municipal property, but it was blessed by the Church.

An inscription on the bell says that its duty is to "laud the true God, call the faithful to meditation, mourn the dead, and ward off storms." True to its task, it used to toll for the funerals of town councillors, among others. Then, in 1919, a Jewish alderman died. The mayor announced that the bell would toll for his funeral.

The then parish priest, Don Casolari, declared that that was out of the question. He threatened that if the mayor had it tolled in spite of his views, he would keep the bell silent for Easter and Christmas.

The bell did toll for the Jew—and the people of Correggio waited in vain for its traditional peals at Easter and Christmas.

Pence was made between the priest and the mayor by a senator, and the bell was solemnly blessed again.

In 1948, the then extreme left wing Socialist mayor of

Correggio—who had been ex-communicated by reason of his political activities, died. A fresh outbreak of the feud was narrowly averted when the municipal authorities abstained from tolling the bell because it was Good Friday.

Flared Up

But two years later, the quarrel flared up on the death of a Neapolitan (extreme left wing) socialist Alderman. The priest asked for police intervention, and the mayor went to court.

Despite two judgments against his arguments, Don Bruno did not give in. He appealed to the Court of Cassation, Italy's highest tribunal.

In a last attempt to come to an amicable settlement, a group of citizens tried, in October, to arrange a meeting between the priest and the mayor.

They thought that a Sunday match between Correggio's two football teams would be a suitable occasion.

The mayor attended. So did the Carabinieri (paramilitary police) sergeant-major supposed to act as peace-maker. But Don Bruno stayed away.—China Mail Special.

Templer To Discuss
Bagdad Agreement

London, Dec. 6.

GENERAL Sir Gerald Templer, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is to discuss relations between Jordan and the Bagdad pact countries, an authoritative source indicated tonight.

General Templer left Britain on a visit to Amman, the Jordan capital, last night. Officially, he is to discuss Jordan defence problems and the British financed Arab Legion, maintained by Jordan under the command of a British officer, Glubb Pasha.

The Bagdad pact countries are Britain, Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan. Diplomatic observers attach much importance to the fact that General Templer is accompanied by a senior Foreign

Office official, Mr Michael Rose, head of the Levant Department.

Main Part

They thought that General Templer might discuss:
1. Jordan's adherence, eventually, to the Bagdad pact.
2. A consequent adjustment of the Anglo-Jordan treaty of 1948.

The main part of General Templer's conversations in Amman will deal with such matters as the equipping and training of the Arab Legion as well as the reinforcement of Jordan frontier guards.

The Chief of the Imperial General Staff is also expected to discuss relations between Glubb Pasha and his Jordanian subordinates. There have been unconfirmed rumours of disputes between the Arab Legion commander and his subordinates.—France-Press.

Clipped By
Mine Host

Sharp work with a pair of scissors from licensee Alfred Moreland of the Millie public house at Sudbury, England, as he prepares to snip a piece off customer Richard Holton's bow tie. Mr Moreland collects clippings of customers' ties, now has about 350 regimental, club and sporting ties in his collection. He also possesses snippets of such rare breeds of cravat as those belonging to the Ancient Order of Venetian Noblemen and the Drinking Club of New Zealand.—Express Photo.

Over 160 OBEs
For Investiture

London, Dec. 6.
Queen Elizabeth decorated more than 160 men and women with insignia of the Order of the British Empire today at the last of the autumn investitures at Buckingham Palace.

More than 20 officers and servicemen were decorated for bravery in Malaya, Korea and Kenya.

Over 200 awards were given out, mostly to people gazetted at the Queen's birthday in June.—Reuter.

ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE

Why Britain Continues
To Press
Compromise Solution

London, Dec. 6.

British hopes for a settlement of the seemingly insoluble dispute between Israel and the Arab states are based on the belief that no political standpoints are unchangeable, according to diplomatic quarters here.

It is this belief which explains Britain's determination to press the proposals put forward in November by the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, for a compromise territorial settlement between the two sides, despite their prompt rejection by the government of Israel.

On the face of it, the prospect of a settlement emerging from Sir Anthony Eden's proposal appears very thin. Sir Anthony repeated the earlier British and United States offer to guarantee a permanent peace settlement in the Middle East if one were negotiated between the two sides.

Some Concessions
He then proposed that frontiers for a final peace settlement should lie between those occupied by Israel at the time of the 1949 armistices and still held by it, and the boundaries of the much smaller state of Israel proposed in the 1947 United Nations resolution.

This proposal clearly envisages some territorial concessions by Israel, though British spokesmen have emphasised that Britain has no specific frontier line in mind. But although the Eden proposal would certainly mean that Israel would lose territory, British spokesmen continue to maintain that it would represent a compromise.

The Arab states, in the British view, would be entitled to claim territory up to the frontiers laid down in the United Nations resolution. Consequently any settlement which gives Israel the permanent right to hold more terri-

tory can be regarded as a compromise.

Realistic assessments of the prospects of this proposal made in diplomatic quarters here admit frankly that chances of acceptance are slight for two reasons.

In the first place, repeated Israeli official statements have made it clear that Israel is not willing to make any substantial territorial concession to the Arab states. The most that the government of Israel is prepared to contemplate is frontier rectification—which would iron out the anomalies created by the present armistice line. This runs through the centre of many villages and farms.

More Favourable

The Arab reaction has been much more favourable. But Israel's rejection has ruled out any immediate possibility of peace being concluded on the basis of the Eden proposal.

There has been no fundamental sounding of whether the present rulers of the Arab states concerned would be willing to recognise the existence of the state of Israel by conclusion of a peace settlement should a territorial compromise become possible.

Yet, in spite of the question-marks over the fundamental intentions of the Arab states and the blunt rejection of the Eden plan by the Israeli government, present British policy regarding the Arab-Israeli dispute remains based upon it.

Diplomatic quarters here maintain that this is not due to any failure of Ministers here to appreciate the impact of the proposal in the Middle East. Nor, they declare, is it based on any facile assumption that the standpoints of the two sides will change in the near future.

The reason why the Eden proposal for territorial compromise on Israel's frontiers is not regarded here as dead is the experience of British Ministers in handling equally intractable territorial problems in other regions.

Tireless Patience

In this connection, the Italian-Yugoslav agreement on Trieste is being informally referred to here.

The British assumption is that tireless patience and restraint can produce results in the most unpromising fields. The alternative, which is to despair of a Middle East settlement and to accept the prospect of endless limited hostilities, will certainly be rejected here for a long time to come.—China Mail Special.

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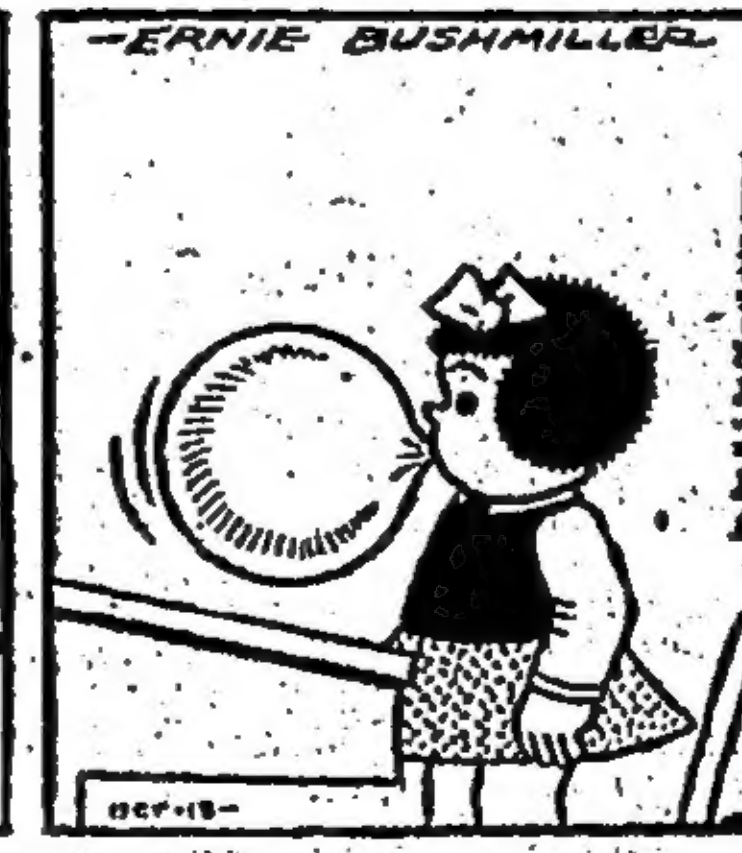
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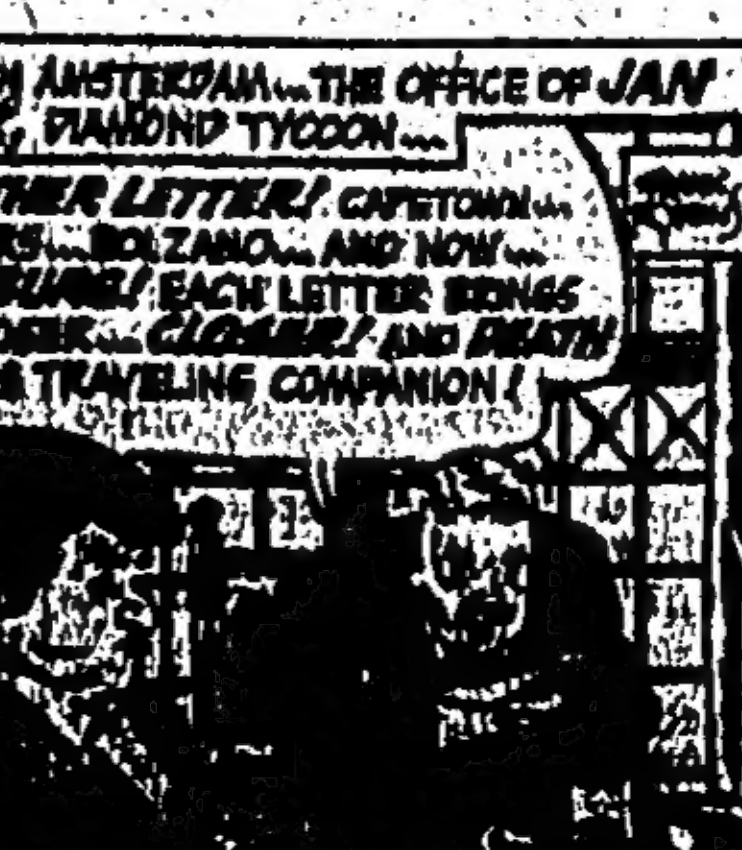
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

A Special Correspondent Recently Returned
From The West Indies Urges:—

Make Use Of British Guiana's Idle Acres

London, Dec. 6.

"British Guiana," said the stockbroker — "That's the place with the world's rarest stamp." "British Guiana," mused the lawyer — "That's where they had a Communist Government sometime or other." "British Guiana—h'm," murmured the eye specialist from Harley Street — "Isn't that somewhere near Devil's Island?"

Such was the reaction of my colleagues in the compartment travelling up to London when they heard I was just back from British Guiana. I couldn't quarrel with the accuracy of their comments, but they did not throw much light on Britain's only colony on the South American mainland.

Nor did they reflect the main impression which I formed of British Guiana after a brief and crowded visit. This—first of all—was of children—and last—was of children playing round the shanties which litter the coastal roadside from Georgetown to New Amsterdam: of children scampering down the school steps, well-dressed and on the whole remarkably clean; happy and smiling, with not a care in the world—for the moment.

But what of the years ahead? To what future can this young generation of Guianese look forward? Twenty years ago the population of the country was 320,000. Today it is not far short of half a million.

Penned Up

How are these ever-growing numbers going to find a livelihood? There in British Guiana is no industry worth mentioning—no factories to absorb people by the thousand, or even by the hundred.

Most of the country's production is panned up in an area of not much more than 100 square miles—a good deal less than the Isle of Wight. For that is the space taken up by sugar under actual cultivation and by the mining of bauxite. And sugar had bauxite account for four-fifths of the colony's exports.

British Guiana's economy, prosperous though it is today, is perched on a knife edge. On the coastal strip sugar reigns, and so long as the Commonwealth sugar agreement is maintained to give a fair deal to the producer, so long is the industry assured of a market. But the output is "quoted" and while it is unthinkable that the Agreement should ever be torn up, it is unlikely that the present quotas will be greatly varied. There is, thus, little room for expansion. Moreover, the labour force must surely tend to go down rather than up, as more mechanical devices are introduced.

Most Important

British Guiana's next most important export is bauxite, of which over two million tons a year are mined and sent to Canada for smelting. The world demand for aluminium seems insatiable. So long as it continues—and so long as British Guiana bauxite is not priced out of world markets by excessive wages—this mineral will make a handsome contribution, direct and indirect, to government revenue and provide employment for a few thousand hands.

In the export list of minerals are diamonds and gold; but these offer no employment except on the smallest scale. Lastly, there is rice—second to sugar among agricultural exports and the most important domestic food crop. Rice seems an ideal crop for the East Indian peasant farmer who is working at something he is familiar with and the Government is heavily committed to its production. British Guiana could supply the whole Caribbean with rice and then some. But here the question is—will it? For while until a year or two ago, the price of rice was high, it is now low and prices are on the down grade. Will they fall to an uneconomic level, under the influence of these industries, even when they are combined, employ only a limited labour force. They cannot prosper, the rice farmer, for the Government will not let the price rise above a certain level. The rice farmer, therefore, is in a very bad way.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Dec. 6. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 53 contracts. Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 108 contracts. World contract was in a quiet trade today while domestic futures turned more active. 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